QUALITY
TELLS IN THE CIRCULATION OF A NEWSPAPER—EVERY ADVERTISING SHOT TELLS IN THE HERALD BECAUSE IT REACHES PEOPLE WITH MONEY TO SPEND.

SEMI-WEEKLY

DECATUR HERALD.

THE WEATHER.
Washington, Jan. 7—Illinois—Fair Friday. Saturday increasing cloudiness, rain in extreme south portion, brisk west to northwest winds.

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RUSSIA'S REPLY TO JAPANESE

REMOVES ALL HOPE OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF FAR EAST QUESTION.

NEW DEMANDS ARE MADE

To Which It Will be Impossible to Concede—War Cloud is Growing Bigger All the Time.

London Jan 7—Bulletin The Mail's Yokohama correspondent says that Russia's reply to Japan practically removes all hope of a peaceful settlement

Makes New Demands.

London Jan 7—The Mail's Tokio correspondent learns that Russia has made a new demand which it will be impossible for Japan to entertain

The correspondent says that all powers excepting troops in Corea and that British blue jackets landed at Chemulpo are expected to go to Seoul immediately

To-night telegrams are passing between M Iswolsff Russian minister to Japan Baron de Rosen, Russian minister to Japan and Viceroy Alexieff

Japan's Attitude Undefined.

Tokio Jan 7—The attitude of Japan toward the response of Russia is still undefined Premier Katsura and members of the cabinet at the council decided the cabinet should confer with the elder statesmen before deciding on the course of procedure It is manifest that Russia's proposals are unsatisfactory It is believed Russia will make concessions in one direction and impose new conditions in another The Japanese situation is deeply stirred Public sentiment favors the abandonment of negotiations believing them to be useless and urges a resort to arms

War Ships Sail.

Port Arthur via Che Foo Jan 7—Several war ships left here at midnight for the purpose of intercepting a Japanese squadron of four iron clads which it is understood it now approaching Corea for the purpose of stopping six Japanese coal laden ships from Japan destined for Port Arthur Russia is selling their charter to a Russian firm here Port Arthur defenses are complete and the authorities are confident

Jump Insurance Rates.

San Francisco Jan 7—A leading insurance broker stated today that the prominent insurance companies have issued telegrams stating that war is inevitable and in consequence war risks on immediate sailings have been advanced to 4 per cent and on sailings during the latter part of this month to 10 per cent

Insurance Complete.

London Jan 7 The insurance of the Japanese cruiser Nisshin and Kasaga building at Genoa and brought from the Argentine government has been completed after considerable difficulty Politics are so arranged as to permit the cruisers to go by way of the Suez and Cape Horn or Cape of Good Hope routes as circumstances may dictate

War Can't Be Averted.

Pekin Jan 7 General Yuan Shai Kai commander in chief of the Chinese army and navy, sent his foreign adviser Charles Denby Jr, to Pekin to investigate the report as to the probability of war Denby has reported that according to the best opinions obtainable based on diplomatic information war cannot be averted

UNCLE SAM IMPORTANT FACTOR

Japanese Are Hopeful of Our Sympathy.

Paris Jan 7—Official and diplomatic circles here claim to be without information regarding the contents of the Russian reply to Japan but the tone is distinctly pessimistic and there is but slight hopes of a peaceful exit from the position in which Russia and Japan find themselves Diplomats are making inquiries as to the attitude of the powers in case of war, the position occupied by United States being regarded as particularly important by the Associated Press the Japanese minister said today

The attitude of the United States will mean much She has negotiated a treaty with China for the opening of three ports in Manchuria to the commerce of the world These ports have been occupied by Russia and thus her treaty rights have been violated

Japan is not guided by selfish motives but is acting in the interest of all nations I hope the United States will clearly understand our position and will favor us with their support"

The action of the United States in sending marines to Seoul, Korea is regarded here as being a significant indication of the trend of its sympathies and it is known to be gratifying to Japan because it establishes a precedent which the Japanese can follow if necessary in debarking a strong force on the peninsula

BOTH WANT DELAY.

Neither Mikado Nor Czar Anxious for Winter Campaign.

Pekin Jan 7—Nothing has developed here concerning the nature of the Russian reply or to improve in any way the view of the situation held in official circles

It is known that neither Russia nor Japan is desirous of a winter campaign and that both countries believe delay will help their preparations

The Russian government has bought all the horses obtainable in Kalgan, the greatest horse market in North China

Merriam Speaks.

Rochester N Y Jan 7—The annual dinner of the chamber of commerce was held this evening Letters of regret were received from several prominent men who were unable to attend the principal speaker was William R Merriam formerly governor of Minnesota now of New York.

ALLEN SAYS HE IS GUILTY

Springfield Postoffice Robber Brought Back From England Entered His Plea Thursday.

SENTENCE NOT YET PASSED.

Springfield, Ill, Jan 7—Charles Allen, recently brought back from England on a charge of robbing the Springfield postoffice in 1896, plead guilty in the United States court today

CLASH ON ELEVATED.

Three Trainmen Killed in Accident at Brooklyn.

New York, Jan 7—Three trainmen were killed today by a collision of two trains on the Brooklyn elevated railroad.

One of the dead was hurled from the structure to the street and nearly every bone in his body broken while another had his head crushed between the bumper of the engine which was rammed by a motor train and the front car of the one drawn by steam power

Fire Started.

Simultaneously with the collision a fire was started by the coals from the locomotive and this added to the panic of the passengers who fought desperately to escape from the cars The dead who were all employes of the road were

George Gulig, yard master.
James O Brien car coupler
Wm H Ferguson foreman
George E Smith, aged 35 years, was seriously injured

None of the passengers were badly hurt A crowded passenger train crashed into a train of employes, telescoping the rear car of the latter, in which were the trainmen

KAISER LIKES OUR UNIFORMS.

Cloth Makers Busy Since Corbin, and Wood Appeared at Manoeuvers.

Berlin, Jan 7—Since Emperor William saw Generals Corbin, Young and Wood in their new uniforms at the German army maneuvers in September, 1902, the army cloth makers of this country have been experimenting with similar shades and have produced a blend between straw color and light olive green which will presently be substituted for dark blue throughout the army as the uniforms of privates and non-commissioned officers. The cloth has been tested for a year under severe conditions, for wear and cleanliness It was found in last summer's maneuvers that the uniforms are scarcely distinguishable at a distance from dry stubble or grass It will be three or four years before the present uniforms entirely disappear, as the government has upwards of 3,000,000 old uniforms in stock, through the greater part of these have seen service

The German government is the largest ready made clothes manufacturer in the world, turning out 600,000 to 800 000 uniforms per year the exact number depending on the weather.

IOWA LEGISLATURE

Changes Plans for Meeting and Repairing House Chambers.

Des Moines, Ia, Jan. 7—The report of the capitol commissioners on the condition of the chamber ruined by the recent fire was read before a joint caucus of both houses tonight. It was decided the chamber should be repaired In the meantime the house will meet in the senate chamber, and the senate in the supreme court room for the initial session. Then both houses will adjourn for one week. In the temporary organization Senator J A. Smith, of Osage, is booked for president pro tem, and B F. Cummings speaker pro tem of the house. The inaugural plans will not be interferred with.

BREEDING A BIG SCAB.

Threatened Bombardment Will be Resisted by English and Americans

Cape Haytien Jan 7—Following the news that the Dominican cruiser has arrived from Puerto Plata after having embarked troops and munitions of war at Sosua Minister Gufrere has ordered the place to surrender

He has granted 24 hours after which he will attack by land and sea. The American and British war vessels will oppose the bombardment of this important city.

WHALEBONE GETTING SCARCE

Record Price is Established in London.

New York Jan 7—A new record price of $15 000 a ton has been established for whalebone, says a Times despatch from London Two and one-quarter tons brought that price in a sale at Dundee The previous high mark was $12,000 Experts say the visible supply is now only four tons in England and America

FIRE DAMAGES CAPITOL.

Crossed Electric Light Wires Are to Blame.

Washington, Jan 7—Fire in the electric duct on the senate side of the capitol building this evening burned the insulation off the wires and left that portion of the structure in total darkness The fire probably was the result of crossed electric light wires. The amount of damage is not known.

Fifty-Six Men Expelled.

Telluride, Col, Jan 7—Fifty-six men have been expelled from San Miguel county by the military authorities since the publication of the governor's martial law proclamation. About 45 of these men are quartered at Montrose and intend to return to Telluride after the troops are withdrawn The search for fire arms and ammunition has been completed and between 600 and 700 weapons have been confiscated

Fire Engine Trust Bursts.

Trenton, N J. Jan 7—It was announced here today that Vice Chancellor Emery has appointed James R. Clarke of New York and Charles E Kimball of Summit, N J, receivers for the International Fire Engine Co., a $9 000 000 corporation with plants in New York, Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland, St. Paul and Elmira, N Y., and other places. The liabilities are $347,-274 and assets $85,250.

Roller Mills Burn.

Holland, Mich., Jan 7—The city roller mills were burned tonight. Loss $50,000.

NOT WANTED; THEY LEAVE

STATE BOARD OF ARBITRATION MAKES INEFFECTUAL ATTEMPT TO END STRIKE.

OF BLOOMINGTON CAR MEN

Cars Are In Operation But No One Is Riding—Hacks and Bob Sleds Used to Transport People.

Bloomington, Ill, Jan 7—Members of the state board of arbitration returned home today after an unsuccessful effort to settle the street car strike. The men will not sign individual agreements and the company will not submit their differences for adjustment There seems little chance of settling the trouble

The feeling against the Chicago strike breakers is strong and the police still ride with them on the cars Several shots were fired at the Chicago men last night, and three cars were ditched by spiking rails

Inexperienced men have caused several collisions, though no one has been seriously hurt Prosecutions of those who took an active part in Sunday's riot continues

No one is patronizing the cars that are running, and the company is losing heavily Union men and sympathizers use hacks , Bobsleds run in opposition to cars The company is said to be offering new men $4 a day, and a bonus of $100 if they remain with them three months They are backed by the Citizens' Alliance and such strained relations between business men and unions never existed here

REJECT LOU DILLON'S RECORD

Performance to a High Wheeled Sulky Disallowed by the National Trotting Association.

GOOD REASON FOR ACTION

New York, Jan 7—The joint committee of the National Trotting Association decided today to disallow Lou Dillon's record of 2 05 to a high wheeled bull-bearing sulky made at Cleveland Sept 12 last The committee said this was done "because the mare had previously performed in faster time, which performance was on record, and precluded a slower performance being a record '

RUTH CLEVELAND DIES

Diphtheria Claims Eldest Daughter of the Former President.

Princeton, N J, Jan 7—Ruth Cleveland, the eldest child of ex-President Cleveland, died at the Cleveland home here today, very unexpectedly, the immediate cause of death being a weakening of the heart action during a mild attack of diphtheria

Dr Wickoff, the attending physician, said that Miss Cleveland had been ill with a mild form of diphtheria for four days and that the heart affection was not anticipated

Ruth was born in New York City, Oct. 3 1891, two years after her father's first administration as president of the United States came to an end She was therefore 13 years old She was a handsome child and remarkably intelligent

Mr and Mrs Cleveland have four other children—Esther Marion, Richard Folsom and Francis Grover—two girls and two boys

DIED AT GRAVE OF HUSBAND.

Widow's Heart Broken on Seeing Companion's Body Lowered.

New York, Jan 7—Mrs. Nora Dowling, mother of two young children, is dead from what the physicians pronounce a broken heart

She fell at the side of an open grave in Calvary cemetery upon a casket that contained the body of her husband

Dowling died from illness due to the recent severe cold His widow grieved terribly and had to be assisted to the cemetery When she collapsed doctors were called, but she died in a few moments, her heart having given way.

BOGUS PRINCE IN JAIL.

Coachman Who Deceived Countess Russell, Charged With Vagrancy

Toronto, Ont, Jan 7—An inmate of the Toronto jail under the name of "Archibald Edward Stuart" has been partially identified as William Brown, the coachman who while posing as a foreign prince in England not long ago, married the Countess Russell.

He is charged with vagrancy owing to failure to pay bills incurred while living here as a pretended nobleman incognito

The countess divorced the coachman upon learning his true character. Stuart has been in Toronto a month.

Killed By Car Wheels.

Vandalia, Jan 7—George Henninger, a well known stockman of this county, while attempting to board the Vandalia accommodation train last night at Hagerstown, fell under the wheels and was killed instantly. He was 50 years of age and was a brother of Prof. J. W Henninger of Jacksonville, president of the Western State Normal at Macomb.

Augusta, Maine, Fire Scourged.

Augusta, Maine, Jan. 7—Two large brick blocks, occupied by the First National bank and several stores were burned here today and several other buildings were damaged. The loss is estimated at $200,000.

Chief Engineer Bicker of the local fire department was overcome by smoke and several firemen were hurt by falling glass.

NO JUROR YET.

Fruitless Effort to Get Men to Try Chicago Bandits.

Chicago, Jan. 7—The second day of the trial of the car barn bandits ended today without a juror having been accepted.

TAFT IS RETURNING HOME

Ex-Governor of the Philippines Sails for America to Become Secretary of War.

YOKOHAMA DOES HIM HONOR.

Yokohama Jan 7—Ex-Governor Taft of the Philippines sailed today for the United States via Honolulu. He was escorted to the railroad station at Tokio by the ministers of war and foreign affairs United States Minister Griscom and many prominent civil and military officers. On arriving at Yokohama he met Marquis Ito with whom he had a long interview. As the steamer sailed there was an enthusiastic demonstration

Since the visit of General Grant, no other American has received from the Japanese the distinguished consideration which has been shown Governor Taft,

LAST CONFEDERATE GENERAL

General John B. Gordon Is Fatally Ill At His Home Near Miami, Florida.

NO HOPE OF HIS RECOVERY.

Miami Fla, Jan 7—General John P Gordon is dangerously ill at his home, Biscayne seven miles north of this city He is suffering from inflammation of the stomach, caused by an acute attack of indigestion. His physicians have no hope of his recovery.

Deaths of the Day.

Chicago Jan 7—Warren Barnhart, vice president and senior member of the firm of Barnhart Brothers and Spindler died today of typhoid pneumonia, aged 67 He was one of the founders of the type foundry with which he has been connected since 1868 Previously he had engaged in the newspaper business in Iowa

Lincoln, Neb, Jan 7—General Victor Vifquain one of Nebraska's pioneers is dead, aged 67 He enlisted with an Illinois regiment in the rebellion and was brevetted brigadier general, being one of the few men whom congress by vote commended for bravery He was United States consul, respectively, at Barranquilla and Colon during the first and second administrations of Grover Cleveland He was lieutenant colonel in W. J Bryan's regiment in the Spanish war and succeeded Bryan when the latter as colonel resigned He was for years editor of the Lincoln Democrat

INSANE MAN

Is Accused of Firing New York Apartment Houses.

New York, Jan. 7—Two incendiary fires early today imperilled the lives of hundreds of persons living in tenement houses at Seventh avenue, Thirty-first street In one of the crowded buildings the tenants extinguished the blaze in the basement with snow, but the flames in the other place got such headway that the firemen had to carry fifty half frozen women and children down the fire escapes

A man said to have been seen emerging from the basement was captured by the police and is alleged to have fired both buildings He was arrested two weeks ago at the scene of a tenement fire in another quarter, but was released after an examination as to his sanity,

MASKED HIGHWAYMEN

Shoot and Kill Street Car Motorman At Salt Lake.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 7—John Gleason, motorman on a consolidated street railway car, was shot and killed and Thomas Brighton, the conductor on the same car, was fatally shot today by a masked highwayman who was attempting to rob them of their money and valuables The assailant escaped immediately after the shooting and without securing any booty

NAVAL OFFICERS

In San Domingo Will Decide on Sufficiency of Blockade.

Washington, Jan. 7—The state department will allow United States Minister Powell and the commanders of the United States warships in Dominican waters to determine the sufficiency of the proposed blockade of all ports of that country except San Domingo, the capital. It is improbable that any trifling attempt at blockade will be recognized by the naval authorities and allowed to interfere with commerce

DISPUTE ABOUT WAGES.

Followed by Killing of Farm Hand Near Ottawa.

Ottawa, Ill Jan 7—William J. Rohrer, son of a former state representative, Louis Rohrer, shot and killed Charles Thomas yesterday The tragedy occurred on Rohrer's farm near Sominauk, fifteen miles north of this city It is said they quarreled over a balance of wages which Thomas claimed Rohrer owed him. Thomas secured a rifle, but before he could shoot, Rohrer pulled down a shot gun and fired. Rohrer was arrested

IOWA STOCK DEALER

Arrested On Charge of Embezzling Commission Dealer's Money.

Chicago Jan 7—Accused of having embezzled $11,200 from Smith, Carry & Company, stock yards commission dealers, Manley Gifford, of Monroe, Iowa, a cattle raiser, was arrested in Iowa and is in jail here. The indictment charges that the firm sent Gifford money with which to purchase cattle for shipment to Chicago, and that he failed to do so

Hero of Topeka Wreck.

New York, Jan. 7—Frank Bell, who is mentioned in the dispatches from Topeka, as having saved from death many of the injured in the Rock Island passenger wreck at Willard, Kan., received the injuries which made him a cripple in a railroad wreck nine months ago. He had been visiting his mother in this city and undergoing treatment by specialists. Bell is said to be an expect electrician and a doctor, having studied hospital work as a passtime. He is a native of Kansas

BEAUPRE IS NOT ALARMED

UNITED STATES MINISTER TO BOGOTA DOES NOT LOOK FOR WAR.

COLOMBIANS STILL BUSY

Seek to Prevent Transfer of French Interests in Canal to America—Hay Answers Gen. Reyes.

Washington, Jan 7—Arthur Beaupre, United States minister to Bogota, arrived in Washington today and had a conference with acting Secretary of State Loomis Later he had a conference with Secretary Hay He gave it as his opinion that there is little danger of war on the isthmus.

APPEAL AT PARIS.

By Colombia To Prevent the Transfer of Canal Stock.

Washington, Jan. 7—Notice of an important step taken by an agent of the Colombian government in Paris was received at the Colombian legation here today in a despatch to Dr Herran, charge d affaires It was to the effect that the French tribunal has been appealed to with a view to preventing the transfer of the canal company's rights on the isthmus to the American government without the consent of Colombia The counsel for Colombia according to the despatch, assured the agent he thought there was good ground for believing the effort to prevent the transfer would be successful

REYES GETS HIS ANSWER

Secretary Hay's Reply Was Voluminous and Covered the Questions Raised By Colombians.

A FURTHER EXCHANGE COMING.

Washington, Jan. 7—The note sent by Secretary Hay to General Reyes, it was learned to night, consists of thirty-seven typewritten pages and is about the same length as the communication transmitted by the Colombian minister to the state department, setting out Colombia's grievances. It takes up in detail the several issues raised by Reyes and treats them fully from the American standpoint.

It is expected there will be a further prompt exchange between the two governments, the basis for them already having been laid by a communication from Reyes to the state department As far as could be learned tonight Reyes has not yet made any arrangement to depart from Washington

CONCENTRATES TROOPS.

Great Military Activity Reported at Savannilla and Cartagena.

Colon, Jan 7—The Royal Mail steamer Atrato, which arrived here today from Savannilla and Cartagena, reports there is great military activity in both these towns and that large numbers of troops are being concentrated in Cartagena Many of these troops arrived from the interior during the past fortnight

It is learned by the Associated Press from a reliable source that Colombian troops at Cartagena now number at least 2000

Major Coles' division of 800 marines from the United States cruiser Dixie disembarked this afternoon and went by train to Empor station on the Panama railroad.

Heap Big Injun Now.

New York, Jan. 7—The United States gunboat Bancroft has returned from a cruise along the coast of Caledonia, made to investigate conditions and circumstances of the alleged abduction of Indian Chief Inanaquina, says a Herald dispatch from Colon It is stated that the Dan Blas Indians were found to be most unfriendly They objected to the landing of the Bancroft's officers and to their remaining ashore They also refused to sell fruit or fresh water. Chief Inanquino was seen at a distance, wearing a fine new Colombian uniform.

GORMAN STRONGLY SUPPORTED

But the Support Comes from Treacherous Allies in Colombia.

Bogota, Jan 8—Eighteen senators have sent a dispatch to United States Senator Gorman congratulating him and others and supporting him "in defending the ideas of justice and respect for the rights proclaimed by George Washington," The dispatch says the canal treaty was rejected because it impaired Colombian national jurisdiction, that Panama's secession was the result of a "treacherous plan of bribing the public forces, and it simply subsists by the intervention of President Roosevelt, who occupying adjacent seas with a powerful navy, impedes Colombia's access to an integral part of its territory."

FLEE FROM MT. COLIMA.

Violent Eruptions From Volcano Accompanied by Earthquakes.

Guadalajara, Mex., Jan. 7—Violent eruptions of Mt. Colima volcano have caused the inhabitants of the country immediately adjacent to the mountain to become alarmed.

Many have left their homes and sought safety from the ashes and lava.

The most terrorizing feature of the eruptions is the earthquake shocks which are felt in the region of the volcano.

These seismic disturbances are of unusual severity, but no serious damage has been reported.

Boy Victim Unidentified.

Topeka, Kan., Jan 7—The body of the eight-year-old boy killed in the wreck of the west bound Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific express at Willard, yesterday, is still unidentified at the morgue here. The injured at the hospitals here are progressing favorably and it is believed that none will die. The coroner's jury today continued the investigation into the cause of the wreck.

MORGAN TAKES UP TIME

Alabama Senator Thrashes Over Old Speech in Making Reply to Mr. Lodge.

HOUSE HAD SHORT SESSION.

Washington, Jan. 7—Mr. Morgan occupied the time of the senate today in reply to the speech Lodge delivered last Tuesday Mr Morgan again criticised the president and the attitude of this government in connection with the Panama republic He introduced numerous newspaper extracts to bear out his contention that the revolution was assisted by officers and citizens of the United States Mr. Morgan said that if the United States should withdraw from the Isthmus Colombia would quickly drive out the few revolutionists and their supporters

Confirmations.

The senate confirmed John C. Black Illinois, civil service commissioner, Henry D Saylor, Pennsylvania, consul general at Coburg, Germany, Lawrence O Murray, Illinois, assistant secretary of commerce and labor

Postmasters Frank V D Bogert, Paulina, Iowa, Elmer H Myhra, Wahpeton, N D

THE HOUSE.

Washington, Jan 7—The house was in session twelve minutes today. Mr Hemenway, chairman of the committee on appropriations obtained unanimous consent that one hour be devoted at the opening of tomorrow's session to the consideration of the bill amending the act appropriating $500,-000 for the eradication of the foot and mouth disease among cattle so as to make $250 000 of that amount available to meet the emergency caused by the Mexican boll weevil The bill was favorably reported today

SCHWAB MAKES ADMISSION

That He Was the Big Bug in the Shipbuilding Company but Forgets About Other Things.

NIXON WAS NOT HIS FRIEND.

New York, Jan. 7—Charles M. Schwab, testifying in the hearing of the ship building case today, admitted he had a controlling interest in the shipbuilding company and through it of the Bethlehem Steel Company. He said that of the present directorate all but Lewis Nixon were his "friends" He and Nixon had frequently talked over the plans for the shipbuilding consolidation. Schwab had no recollection of having been an underwriter in the so-called 'poor' plan for the shipbuilding consolidation, his testimony on this point being at variance with that of Nixon, neither could he recall conversation by long distance phone with Nixon in which, according to Nixon's testimony, Schwab had announced his purchase of Bethlehem When Schwab said the stockholders and not he had the say in the shipbuilding company, he was asked if he meant by the stockholders Oliver Wren and other employes. Schwab said he did This line of inquiry was followed until the hearing for the day closed.

EX-CONGRESSMAN GUILTY

Of Bribery In Securing a Government Contract for a Private Company.

COURT WILL BE MERCIFUL.

New York, Jan 7—Former Congressman. Driggs was today found guilty of accepting money to protect a contract between a private company and the government while serving as a member of congress. The jury recommended mercy Judge Thomas approved the recommendation and expressed the opinion that Driggs violated the statute unwittingly and was only guilty in a technical sense. The day for the sentence has not yet been decided

PUSHING PROBE AT HANNIBAL

Indictments for "Grafting" in Postoffice Sites Looked for.

Hannibal, Mo, Jan 7—The federal grand jury reconvened this morning and continued the investigation of alleged graft in buying postoffice sites

T, G Vernon, of Paola, Kan., was the only witness examined He is a brother of J. B Vernon of St. Louis, who is supposed to have figured with C M Blanton of Washington in the location of the government buildings.

Mrs, Vernon, wife of J B, Vernon, is here, and it was expected that she would go before the jury, but she was not called.

Blanton is a son of B F. Blanton of the Paris (Monroe county) Appeal

Judge Adams arrived from St, Louis at noon and the jury is expected to make a report soon

Nine Indicted.

Hannibal, Mo, Jan 7—The federal grand jury investigating the alleged bribery in the purchase of sites for postoffices in Missouri today returned nine indictments The names of those indicted were not made public.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Gets Valuable Gift From a Noted Botanical Student.

Minneapolis, Jan. 7—E. D. W. Holway, vice president of the Decorah bank of Decorah, Iowa, presented to the botanical department of the University of Minnesota his entire library and collections relating to his work in Fygii The library, which consists of over 8,000 volumes, relating to botanical researches, is one of the most complete in this part of the country.

Holway will shortly retire from business at Decorah and will make his home in this city, where he will devote his attention to a specialty upon which he has been experimenting in regard to wheat rust.

Only Four Killed.

Sydney, N. S. W, Jan. 7—The British cruiser Wallaroo has arrived here. Only four were killed and three injured by the explosion of the shell's

DAMAGING TESTIMONY

AGAINST OWNERS OF IROQUOIS GIVEN AT FIRST DAY OF CORONER'S QUERY.

ASBESTOS CURTAIN FAILURE

House Was Overcrowded, Exits Were Locked and No Precautions for Safety of Patrons.

Chicago, Jan 7—One dozen people appeared as witnesses in the coroner's inquest over the victims of the Iroquois theater fire today.

No person was admitted without an order or a subpoena from the coroner.

The chief witness of the day was Eddie Foy, comedian of the 'Mr. Blue Beard" company, and George W. Stetson, representative of the company which manufactured the asbestos curtain Foy's evidence did not differ greatly from the statements which have been published heretofore concerning his actions on the day of the fire Stetson and Coroner Traeger became involved in a lengthy discussion as to the merits of asbestos curtains, during which Stetson admitted that asbestos curtains if subjected to extremely high heat would lose their 'life" and crumble When shown a portion of the Iroquois curtain he declared it had evidently been subjected to a very high temperature, but that he could not say as to whether it had endured sufficiently great heat to cause it to crumble He declared that in his opinion the greater portion of the asbestos curtain in the Iroquois theater was still in good condition and expressed himself as anxious to make experiments to prove the truth of his assertion

Not Asbestos Curtain.

One of the important witnesses was Miss Ella M Churcher, who after telling of the escape of herself, mother and nephew, made a statement that she was positive the curtain lowered was not the asbestos curtain, but the curtain which had been lowered after the first act She remembered distinctly, she said, that this curtain had painted upon it an autumn landscape scene, This curtain and no other, she insisted, was the one that was lowered after the fire started.

Found Exit Locked.

Frank Houseman and Charles Dexter occupied seats together. They saw the stage hands try to put out the fire and seeing them fail started out. They found the iron door of an exit locked, and could not open it. They, however, succeeded in forcing open the doors of another exit, and they rescued a number of children.

One Little Rule.

Eddie Foy's testimony was practically a repetition of his statements concerning the fire already published He testified that the only precaution against fire that he knew of was the rule against smoking

Dr Joseph Highes testified that he was on the first floor and that the aisles of the theater back of the seats were crowded by people standing up,

The inquest will be resumed tomorrow.

The bodies of two women and two boys are still unidentified The police have received numerous reports of missing people but none of the descriptions tally with those of the bodies now in the morgue.

Coliseum Restriction Removed.

Fifteen additional halls were closed tody. The coliseum in which the republican National convention will be held was today declared safe and entirely fire proof and was allowed to open.

SLIPPERY RAILS

The Cause of a Collision Between Street Car and Train in Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 7—A street car on the Center Avenue line was struck this evening by a train on the Pennsylvania railroad at Fifty-Ninth street. No one was fatally hurt. Eleven people were taken to their homes by police ambulances and as many more were slightly cut by flying glass. Fire started from the overturned stove and some passengers were pinned beneath the debris where for a time they were in danger of burning Slippery rails is given as the cause of the accident.

DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION

At White House Last Evening Proved Brilliant Social Event.

Washington, Jan 7—A reception in honor of the diplomatic corps, the first formal evening social event of the season at the white house, was given tonight by President and Mrs. Roosevelt. It was very largely attended, fully 2,500 persons crowding into the house during the reception. Invited to meet the diplomatic corps were members of the cabinet, supreme court, entire representation in both houses of congress, officers of the army and navy and others.

FIRE IN DESK FACTORY.

Causes Rush for Exits and Results in Injuring One Employe.

Chicago, Jan 7—A fire in a four story building occupied by the Rauch Desk Manufacturing company today caused excitement among forty-five employes and there was a rush for the exits. Michael Ryan attempted to gain the stairway, but was driven back by the flames. He jumped to the sidewalk and was severely injured. Loss, $35,000.

SWIFT'S INCREASE CAPITAL

Annual Meeting Jumps Stock From $25,000,000 To $35,000,000.

Chicago, Jan. 7—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of Swift and company here today it was decided to increase the capital stock of the concern from $25,000,000 to $35,000,000.

Local Weather Conditions.

The local weather conditions for the 24 hours ended at 7 p m. Thursday as reported by Prof. J. H. Coohradt, government observer, follow:

7 p. m. ..... 18 Highest .....

WAS SHY A CARD

Decatur Man Asked to Put Up Fifty Dollars to Join Drivers' Union In Chicago.

HE DECLINED TO PRODUCE

And Came Back to Decatur With His Forty Bucks.

A Chicago man who was in Decatur a few days ago in speaking of the conditions there said "It seems to me that unless a man is a member of some profession that he will find it impossible to make a living in Chicago without a union card The town is organized from end to end I carry a card and I know that unless I had these credentials I could not get employment'

That statement was borne out by the experience of a young man who went to Chicago to take a position He was experienced in his line a driver, a husky guy who could throw a barrel of salt into a wagon and never draw an extra breath He was fixed for the job before he went to Chicago so far as his employers were concerned but he did not know what he was going against He reported at the office of the firm and was given instructions as to what he should do but he was not given any tip about being a member of a union He went out and worked about an hour when a fellow came up and said "Got a card"

"Kind of a card?" asked the greenhorn.

"Do you belong to the drivers' union?" asked the stranger.

"Nope' was the response of the freshman.

"You'll have to have a card if you work here," was the next piece of information

"What'll it cost?" queried the new driver determined that he would not run.

"Forty dollars" blithely explained the business agent of the union.

When the Decatur man recovered from the dead faint into which he had fallen he explained that he would not buy a job The business agent said "It's up to you If you don't have a card and work here I'll report you to the union They'll tell the office that you must have a card or all of the other men will quit work"

Then as a matter of curiosity the Decatur man asked questions and wanted to know what all of that forty dollars was for and the business agent said it was his initiation fee, dues, etc., which must be paid in advance He further explained that if the new comer did not have the cash he could make arrangements through the office to have five dollars held out of his envelope every week for the union until the forty was paid.

He didn't want a job in Chicago that much and came back to Decatur.

JOTTINGS FROM THE J. M. U.

The James Millikin University opened again after the two weeks vacation with a full attendance and about twelve new students All the members of the faculty were in their places and work was conducted as usual.

New Fellow.

Miss Millie Walker late teacher in Palmer college has been appointed to a fellowship in Mathematics Miss Walker will take charge of the new class in elementary arithmetic formed by the assignment of surplus students from regular classes

Gossip of the Faculty.

Prof Gill was called to Minneapolis, Minn by the sudden death of his brother-in-law, who was killed in a sleighing accident Sunday.

Mrs W T Galloway has been quite ill during vacation and friends will be pleased to learn that she is now much better.

Cold Reception.

About 7 o'clock Tuesday morning an elbow on one of the return steam pipes bursted and steam was turned off from the buildings until repairs could be made Consequently when the students arrived Tuesday morning they found the rooms and corridors cold and they were compelled to wear their wraps and overcoats during the morning classes The second hour classes were dismissed and chapel exercises were cut short on account of the cold

Monday steam was turned into the buildings and an inspection was made to see that everything was all right and when President Taylor left at 10 30 Monday evening everything was in good condition

A new fireman has been employed who will attend to night and morning firing, thus relieving Mr Logewell so that he may devote his time to day work only It is not thought that there will be any further difficulty in keeping warm

The University choral class will have a rehearsal next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Arrangements have been made so that work in Prof Gill's forging classes will not be suspended during his absence but will go on just as usual.

A meeting of the football section was held for the purpose of electing a manager for next season's football team. McCollom last season's manager, was re-elected

During the holidays Prof. Gill overhauled all of the electric class bells and they all ring merrily now at the appointed time.

Rubber treads have been recently placed on all of the stairsteps and matting has been placed in the lower corridors

GENEROUS GIFTS TO HOME

Holiday Season at the Anna B. Millikin Was a Joyous Time.

The regular monthly meeting of the Anna B Millikin home board was held Tuesday morning at the home of the president, Mrs. W F. Busher and was well attended. The routine business was attended to and the reports showed that the home had been generously remembered during the holidays, those who contributed during the month of December being Maris Candy company, Riddell & McClellan, T T. Springer, C E Ward, Iroquois club, Rev. Finley, Justice O'Mara Mrs Robert Mueller, Mrs. Elisabeth Wells, J. S. Sweeney, Mrs C. W Cessna, Rev. Bowyer, Mrs I A. Buckingham, Parlor Meat Market Mrs. T. S Walt, Mrs. Arthur, Baptist Junior Society, C. P. Thatcher, Mrs. J W. Hill, Mrs. E. A. West, Miss Alice Roberts, Presbyterian church, Mrs. Edna Parsons, Gillette and Junior Barnes, Miss Belle Ewing, Mrs Sumerville, Mrs Myers, First Congregational church, Mrs. Bachman, Bradley Brothers, Mrs Basrey, Mrs. Harriet R Esken, C. Lewis, Mrs B Jones and others The donations covered a wide variety of articles, being largely eatables and furniture, but the little folks in the house were rememberd with nuts, candy, toys oranges and other things

Miss Snyder, the matron, quit the home the first of the year having been called back to take charge of the Home of the Friendless in Springfield. Her work here had been very satisfactory and it was regretted that she could not remain Miss Clara Campbell of Clinton, Ind., has been secured to take her place, but is at present detained at home by the illness of her mother and in the meantime the work of matron is being looked after by one of the older inmates of the house under the direction of the board of directors

CANNON FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Representative Warner Declares For Illinois Republican.

A special dispatch from Washington says Representative Vaspasian Warner one of the leading candidates for Governor of Illinois is in Washington. He says the sentiment in the state is very strong for the nomination of 'Uncle Joe Cannon' on the ticket with President Roosevelt

'I do not say it simply for the purpose of uttering something pleasant about Mr Cannon for it is a fact that no other man in the United States is as strong today with the people of Illinois as the present speaker of the House They think there is nothing too good for him which is within their power to bestow I heard it talked everywhere I went, The people think Mr Cannon would be a strong man as Roosevelt's running mate There is a feeling that it would be entertaining to see him presiding over the senate which would be his duty if elected vice president

'I am aware, of course' added Colonel Warner "that Mr. Cannon does not want any such nomination He naturaly prefers to stay where he is I am simply stating how the people of Illinois feel toward him'

Colonel Warner is modest about discussing his gubernatorial boom There are several other aspirants in the field He declares that nothing of a definite character has yet appeared on which to form judgment about the prospective gubernatorial nominee

INVASION OF OLD MEXICO

Col. Thomas Cooper Went South At Head of Party Last Night for Sixteenth Time.

TO BE ABSENT MONTH OR MORE.

Col Thomas Cooper of Pekin went through Decatur last night enroute for Old Mexico at the head of a party of tourists It makes his sixteenth annual trip to the land of the Aztecs He started years ago on these trips as an individual and enjoyed them so much that he finally conceived the idea of guiding parties through the interesting portions of that country and that is what he has been doing for the past sixteen years. There is probably no man in the state who is better qualified to show a party of tourists a good time in Old Mexico. Col. Cooper is not only familiar with the country, but has many persona acquaintances

The following comprised the party Thos Cooper and J. B. Cooper, Pekin, Mr. and Mrs Couch, Dr Gray, wife and daughter, O J Dolan, wife and son, Mr and Mrs Miller, Peoria; Mr. and Mrs Foster, Lacon, Mr Gromien, John Cullinine, Lewistown, Mr. McFarren and two others from Bluffton, Ind,

Mr. Cooper gives out the following as the itinerary of the tour

Leave Peoria Jan 5 at 6 50 p m, leave Pekin Jan 5 at 7 45 p m, arrive in New Orleans Jan 6 at 7 14 p. m., leave New Orleans Jan 9 at 11 a m., arrive in Houston, Tex, Jan. 9 arrive in San Antonia Jan 11, leave San Antonia Jan 14 arrive in Zacatecas, Mexico, Jan 15, arrive in Augus Callentas Jan 16, leave Augus Callientas Jan 21, arrive in Quanjuata Jan 22, arrive in Quadalajara Jan 23 leave Guadalajara Jan 28, leave Quaratro Jan 30, arrive in Mexico City Jan 30

Mexico City will be headquarters for eight or ten days before going south into the tropics This will occupy some fifteen days When the party again returns to the city, where they will stop for some time, visiting places of interest around the city and taking a trip to Quarnavaca.

A Very Close Call.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa 'I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life" Weak, sickly run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use Try them Satisfaction guaranteed by J E. King, Chas. F Shilling and N L. Krone. Price 50 cents.

JUDGES ARE CHALLENGED.

Judge Cochran Wants to Play Golf Next Christmas.

Judge Philbrick and Judge Johns, colleagues of Judge Cochran of Sullivan on the circuit bench of this district, are challenged by the oldest jurist to a golf contest to be played at Citronville, Ala., next Christmas day. Judge Johns received the challenge at Decatur and forwarded it to Judge Philbrick.

Judge Cochran says he went out and made 46 35 and 31 with the thermometer at 70 With these figures to his credit, he threw down the gauntlet to his colleagues.

Judge Cochran is game and willing to back his ability for he suggests that as a gauge of batle, transportation and all expenses be given the winner by the losers.

A suitable reply to the challenge will be sent by the two judges as soon as they confer.—Urbana Courier.

Saved From Terrible Death.

The family of Mrs M. L. Bobbit, of Bargerton, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skilled physicians and every remedy used, failed, while consumption was surely but slowly taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief and its continued relief and its continued use completely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and $1. Trial bottles 10c at John E. King, Chas. F. Shilling and N L Krone's drug store.

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ATLAS FAMILY

Reunion in Decatur Ends With an Elaborate Banquet at St. Nicholas Hotel.

SAID TO BE MOST COMPLETE

Affair of the Kind Ever Given in the City.

The first annual reunion of the Atlas family which was held in this city concluded with a banquet at the St Nicholas hotel Monday night. The celebration began with a reception at the home of Mr and Mrs Max Atlas 849 West North street, Saturday, and since then the visitors have been the guests of Mr and Mrs. Atlas, who gave the banquet

About twenty-five persons were present at the banquet The guests were limited only to the members of an organization known as the Atlas Reunion Society and composed of the descendants of Moses Atlas of Lafayette Ind

Each year the members of the society are to be entertained Mr Atlas being the oldest son was the first host

The Banquet.

The banquet was served by Charles Laux at the St Nicholas at 9 o'clock The guests were seated at a long table in the private dining room The banquet was probably the most complete and elaborate ever served in the hotel, no expense being spared in its preparation The table was handsomely decorated and the service was perfect The following was the menu

Little Neck Clams
Consomme Pintaniere Royale
Baked Bluefish, a la Bordia ise
Serpentine Potatoes
Salted Almonds Queen Olives Celery
Saddle of Venison, Hunter's style
Currant Jelly
Special Baked Potatoes
Cream Asparagus
Haute Sauterne
Cardinal Punch
Quail Stuffed and Braised,
Quinelle Dressing
Broiled Mushrooms Petit Pois
Sweet Bread Patties
Blackberry Brandy
Lobster Salad Mumm s Extra Dry
Ice Cream en Surprise
Mint Wafers Fancy Cakes
Assorted Fruit
Roquefort Toasted Crackers
Cafe Noir
Cigars Creme de Menthe

The Toasts

At the conclusion of the banquet there were toasts by different members of the family The toasts were as follows

Address of Welcome—Max Atlas, of Decatur.

Our Courtship,' Moses Atlas, Lafayette Ind

'Twenty-Five Years of Married Life," Joseph Cohen, Henderson, Ky

The Success of the Atlas Family, Frank Atlas Lincoln, Ill

"Sight Seeing in Chicago Art Departments, C F Stein of Peoria

"The Benefits of the Atlas Reunion Society" J I Levy, Ashland Wis

'The News Lettet, H H Atlas, Lafayette, Ind

'A Trip to Europe," Harry Pinko, Rockford Ill

'The New Papa," C K. Atlas, Lafayette, Ind

'Experience of Youngest Married Man,' Saul Solomon Indianapolis, Ind

Experience of a Traveling Man," Benj Marks Jackson, Mich.

Dance Followed.

After the toasts there was a dance. The large dining room of the hotel was used for dancing and the opera house orchestra furnished the music

Souvenirs of a novel kind were given each of the guests at the table. They were in the form of an artistic little pamphlet containing a history of the family written in a clever manner by a friend of Mr Atlas These were beautifully printed and each was carried away as a remembrance of the occasion

Mr and Mrs Max Atlas were presented with a handsome cut glass punch bowl by the other members of the family

Officers Elected.

Sunday afternoon a large reception was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs Atlas and a business meeting was held and the following officers were elected to serve for the next year

President—Moses Atlas, Lafayette, Ind

Vice President—Mrs Joseph Cohen, Henderson Ky.

Secretary and Treasurer—Harry H Atlas, Lafayette.

Editor—Saul Solomon, Indianapolis

The editor is the person upon whom falls the duty of publishing a monthly news letter containing all information concerning the different members of the family In each city where any of the Atlas family resides one person acts as reporter and sends all news about the family and the monthly news letter which is sent out to all branches of the family tells what is being done by the other members.

Historical.

Moses Atlas of Lafayette Ind, is the founder of the Atlas Reunion society and is the head of the family He has four sons five daughters and twenty grand children All of the girls over the age of eighteen and boys over the age of twenty-one an become members of the society

The purpose of the organization is to bring more closely together the descendants of Moses Atlas and to keep all branches of the family in communication with each other

It was made the rule that the host of each annual celebrpation should be according to age Max Atlas being the oldest child was the first host and the next oldest will be the next host and so one down through the list of children and grandchildren.

The Guests.

The following were the persons in attendance all of whom were guests of Mr. and Mrs Max Atlas while they were in the city Moses Atlas and wife, of Lafayette, Ind, Joseph Cohen and wife, of Henderson, Ky., Frank Atlas and wife of Lincoln, Ill., C. F Stein and wife of Peoria, J I. Levy and wife of Ashland, Wis, H H. Atlas and wife of Lafayette, Harry Pinko and wife of Rockford, C K Atlas and wife of Lafayette, Saul Solomon and wife of Indianapolis, Benjamin Marks and wife of Jackson, Mich, Erma and Leslie Atlas of Lincoln, Harry, Edmund and Miss Henrietta Levy of Ashland; Earle Stein of Peoria, Melvin Atlas of Lafayette.

Anniversary Notes.

The cigars served after dinner were ones especially made for the occasion. They were called Atlas cigars and the box in which they came bore a picture of Moses Atlas the father of the family.

Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Frank Atlas at their home in Lincoln will give a reception to the members of the family.

Those who are in Decatur will all go to that city.

The next annual reunion will be held at Henderson, Ky., and Mrs. Joseph Cohen, the next oldest child and her husband, will be the host and hostess.

NOT MUCH DOING.

Very Little Business Transacted in Circuit Court.

The business in the circuit court Monday did not amount to much There were no very important moves made in any of the cases. The business is shown by the docket entries which were as follows

Law Docket.

Muncie Wheel and Jobbing Company vs Joseph S Starr et al replevin, motion to enter appearance of Corley allowed

Cleveland Hardware Company vs J. S Starr et al, replevin, motion to dismiss as to Starr allowed and suit dismissed as to J S Starr, motion by Roby, attorney for Corley for returno bendo and assess damages and entry of appearance of Corley overruled and motion for returno bendo continued.

Chancery.

H W Fenton vs Albert F Ross et al, foreclosure, exceptions to paragraphs 14, 15, 18 and 19 of answer

Decatur Packing and Provision Co vs Mosey Levy et al, discovery, leave to amend.

E Harris Smith vs John C Owen et al, foreclosure appeal prayed and allowed and bond in the sum of $200 in twenty days and bill of exceptions in 90 days

Catherine Finin vs. James Finin et al foreclosure, referred to master and rule to close testimony on both sides by Feb 15, 1904

Died In Chicago.

(Communicated)

Jessie Blanche, beloved daughter of Rev Dr and Mrs Oneal of Grace Methodist church of Jacksonville, Ill., departed this life at Wesley hospital, Chicago, at noon Dec 30th, 1903.

She was educated at Simpson college, Iowa, and at the Woman's college of Northwestern University, and took a course in music, vocal and instrumental at the Chicago College of Music, under Senor Carpi

She was a beautiful character, gifted, accomplished loving and lovable, and a most devout christian From her very childhood she loved the Lord, and delighted in all His services. Her pure rich, trained voice was consecrated to His praise She was peculiarly attached to the devotional service of the church

The latter years of her life were years of deep affliction She was a great sufferer both in body and mind. Amid it all, hosts of friends were drawn to her and held by the quiet charm of her personality Her now sorely bereaved parents, and others, are consoled by the reflection that for years they suffered and sacrificed and hoped and hoped on, and prayed for her At last in His own time, and in His own way, the good Father has given her rest.

Dearest loved one thou hast left us,
Here thy loss we deeply feel,
But 'tis God who hath bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal.

Peaceful be thy gentle slumber,
Peaceful in the grave so low,
Thou no more wilt join our number,
Thou no more our songs shall know.

Yet again, we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is sped,
And in heaven we hope to greet thee,
Where no farewell tear is shed.

PECULIAR COINCIDENT

Happened in the Division of a Field of Indian Corn.

A peculiar coincident happened in the disposition of a field of Indian corn which was planted and tended and shucked by Tom Bell, the well known resident of North Okaw

Last spring Mr Bell rented thirty-two acres of land from Frank Davis one of his neighbors Bell was to do all the work of planting and tending, and in fact perform all the work necessary to its welfare, and when it was all cribbed was to give Davis half of the crop, whatever it might be

When the time came for husking Bell gathered what he thought to be about half of the grain 872 bushels and ten pounds by actual weight, and left the other half in the field to be gathered later One day last week, when the last bushel had been weighed on the same scales as that used It was considered quite a conciha had been made exactly—each one receiving 872 bushels and ten pounds.

It was considered quite a concidence, and would not happen again under like circumstances perhaps in a lifetime.—Mattoon Journal.

THE IROQUOIS DISASTER

Miss Clark Writes of Several Sad Incidents.

William Clark the insurance agent, is in receipt of a letter from his daughter Miss Emma, who was here on a visit last week and returned to Chicago a few days ago, in reference to the Chicago fire She says that the disaster was largely due to the fact that the ushers and attendants lost their heads and failed to assist the people to the best way to leave the theater. She says "Two of our customers came from Des Moines bringing their wives. They were in the office in the morning and their wives went to the matinee Both wives are dead" She cites several other cases of friends and acquaintances who were lost in the disaster and says that in Chicago New Years day went uncelebrated by the people

Horses Are High Priced.

The men who are in the market for horses say that animals of quality are even high priced than usual Charles Lindsay on Saturday purchased a carriage team for which he paid $300. He says that the price was high but in view of the fact that his team is one of quality they are worth what they cost him.

Domestic Troubles.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr Kings's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they save by their great work in stomach and liver troubles They not only relieve you, but cure 25c at John E. King, Chas. F Shilling and N. L Krone's drug stores.

Births

Johansen—Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. Johansen, 444 North Broadway, Saturday, a son.

Clark—Born to Mr and Mrs. G. E. Clark, 734 Prairie avenue, Sunday a daughter

Schroll—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schroll, 713 North Bright street, Monday, a son.

Wonderful Nerve.

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental cuts, wounds, bruise, burns, scalds, sore feet or stiff joints But there is no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best salve on earth for piles, too. 25c, at John E. King, Chas. F. Shilling and N. L. Krone, druggists.

Market Dull.

The poultry market is in the midst of the post-holiday dullness and the receipts for a week now are not equal to a day's receipts during the rush just prior to Christmas.

MAKING A RECORD

Eggs From Cold Storage Are Wholesaling at Thirty-One Cents Per Dozen.

ALMOST DOUBLED INVESTMENT.

The Men Who Have Unloaded Made a Handsome Thing.

Storage eggs are selling at 31 cents per dozen, at wholesale. This is probably the highest price that was ever demanded for stock of that kind in this section The dealers do not quote any prices on fresh eggs, and they are worth whatever the consumer is willing to pay The grocers will not handle them unless they know just where they can be disposed of because they are too expensive

If the cold weather continues it will be no surprise to the egg men to see storage eggs retailing at 40 cents. At present there are no southern eggs to be had and the dealers declare that the eggs are uncertain things to speculate in If the weather in the south should be favorable for a week or two the eggs from that source would begin to push the storage eggs out of the market.

At all of the great centers that there were more eggs going into cold storage than ever before and then the statement was made that some of the speculators were taking risks on the prices that they paid. But it has turned out to be the best season that the egg men ever had It is estimated that over 75 per cent of the eggs that were stored last spring have been sold.

Fearing warm weather in the southern egg belt, not a few of the speculators have unloaded In addition to the possibility mentioned, there was also the logic of big profits and the majority of them were content to sell and take a margin ranging from 50 to 90 per cent, rather than hold on and run the risk of having the market break. The Decatur men who put eggs in storage did not have more than 16 cents per dozen invested and they sold out all the way from 24 cents up to nearly 30 cents Even if their eggs were bought at the top notch last spring they were left a handsome margin of profit.

PROGRAM FOR THE INSTITUTE

Prominent Speakers Secured and Promise Interesting and Instructive Session Each Day.

THE FARMERS MEET NEXT WEEK

The program is out for the Macon county farmers institute which is to be held in this city Jan 12, 13 and 14

The principal speakers on the program each day of the institute are as follows.

First Day.

President's Address—W. H. Bean

"Why the Boys Should Remain on the Farm," George W Hobson of Homer.

'The Farm Orchard," A. V Schermerhorn Kinmundy

"Alfalfa and the Other Clovers," A. V Schermerhorn

"Some Experiments in Corn Breeding, E. E. Chester, Champaign

Second Day.

Some Things We Have Learned About Food,' Mrs. Helen Armstrong, Chicago

"Present Day Demands in Education,' Hon. David Felmley, Normal university

"My Class of 7500 Boys," W B. Otwell, Carlinville

Third Day.

Class in corn judging by Leigh I Maxey, Curran, Ill

"Means of Conserving Soil Moisture' J G Mosier University of Illinois

"Feeding Cattle in the Corn Belt," L. H Kerrick, Bloomington.

"Selection and Preparation of Meat," Miss Ida Mills.

M'LEAN COUNTY IS FIRST

Primaries Have Been Called for the 20th Day of February With Convention Three Days Later.

YATES IS ON ANOTHER TOUR.

McLean leads the way in politics this year, the county central committee having met and decided to call the republican primaries for February 20th and the convention for the 23 There was some discussion among the members of the committee as to the best day for the primaries, but finally all agreed on the date named and it proved satisfactory to the friends of all the different candidates Representatives of the different gubernatorial candidates were in the city and there was considerable caucusing during the day.

Sheriff Brainerd, of Sangamon county, attended the meeting of the county central committee He worked up some interest in the candidacy of Attorney General Hamlin for the governorship, getting about twenty to a meeting arranged by him in the Illinois Some of the gentlemen present at that gathering are said to be prominent republicans and the work for Mr Hamlin in McLean county has been started in a vigorous manner. A thorough organization it is announced will be perfected prior to the holding of the primaries.

Governor On the Rounds.

Governor Yates left Springfield yesterday morning for a tour of some of the adjacent counties. He will visit Christian, Montgomery, Fayette, Jackson, Monroe, Clinton and St. Clair. His first speech was delivered at Taylorville Tuesday afternoon and from there he went to Litchfield where he spoke in the evening.

Busse for Deneen.

State Treasurer Fred Busse, republican committeeman from the Twenty-first ward, announced yesterday that he would support State's Attorney Charles S. Deneen for governor. This gives Mr. Deneen practically the whole north side, as Superior Court Clerk John A. Linn of the Twenty-second ward is understood to be friendly to his candidacy.

The other wards already have given evidence of their approval by indorsements and the organization of large clubs. Charles W. Andrews, committeeman in the Twenty-third ward, led the organization of the Deneen club, and its indorsement of the state's attorney. In the Twenty-fourth ward a strong Deneen club has been formed and the party organization is with it.—Chicago Record-Herald.

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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

Odd Fellows at Forsyth Celebrate the Lodge Birthday.

At Forsyth last night there was an anniversary celebration by the members of Forsyth lodge, No 700, I O O F It was in honor of the twenty-second anniversary of the establishment of the lodge at that place.

It was an open meeting and many of the friends of the members were present. There was music, speeches and a supper afterward

Dr J C Hall and G W Lehman, both charter members of the lodge were there from Decatur and Dr. Hall was on the program for a speech

The work of installing that lodge was done by the Warrensburg team and there were twenty-two charter members. Among the originals who were present last night were Messrs Hall, Lehman and Good of Decatur and Benjamin and James Hockaday David Stewart, H C Mowry and Daniel McKay

THE PRICE RANGE IS WIDE.

Millers Paying From 35 to 40 Cents Per Bushel for Corn.

The grain men are rejecting some of the corn that is being offered. The range of prices is wide—from 35 cents for the poorest ear corn, to 40 cents for shelled corn, in large lots.

It is said that considerable of the grain offered is soft, that it did not have time to mature and that it will never under any circumstances now be fit for anything unless it is feed The mills will not have it The shelled corn, to fetch the top price, must be dry and be free from any mixture of soft grain The buyers declined to say what per cent of corn is being rejected but declared that it is considerable.

AGED WOMAN DIES ALONE.

Mary Barclay of Clinton, Found Dead Monday Morning.

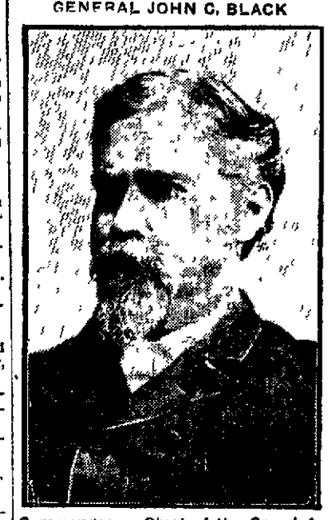
Mrs. Mary Barclay was found dead Monday morning at her home on West Main street in Clinton by Mrs Dan Leo who lives next door

The deceased was 72 years old and had lived alone for several years She had been ailing since New Year's day but was able to be up and her condition was not considered dangerous.

Mr and Mrs Leo called on her Sunday night and found her suffering no more than usual Mrs Leo wanted to stay with the aged lady but Mrs Barclay insisted that she would be all right and did not want any company

The deceased was born in Ireland and had lived in Clinton over 40 years Her husband, David Barclay, died 13 years ago and their four children also preceded the mother to another world She is survived by seven grandchildren five the children of her daughter, Mrs Redmond, of Maroa and two of the children of David Barclay Jr.

GENERAL JOHN C. BLACK



Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and Successor to John R. Proctor, President of the Civil Service Commission

MT. AUBURN.

Henry L Fowkes and family of Taylorville spent the holidays with relatives here.

Jesse Armstrong, who is a student in a St Louis dental college, spent a few days near here this week

George W Horn of Mt Vernon, O., is the guest of his brother, J. N. Horn

Grover Rasar left a few days ago for Valparaiso, Ind., where he will study bookkeeping

B O. Tankersley, principal of the Henry, S. D., school spent the holidays with his parents near Mt Auburn.

Norman Thaxton and wife were the guests of Mr Thaxton's parents last week.

Bert Critchnan a telegraph student at Valparaiso, Ind., was visiting his home south of town recently.

Lewis Eichman of Laclede, Mo., was the guest of J. R Foster and family this week

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IT IS EASILY DONE

Mayor and Fire Commissioners Recommend Some Extra Precautions At Powers' Opera House.

AFTER INSPECTING THE PLACE.

Mayor and Commissioners Today Begin Campaign of Inspection.

The Powers opera house of Decatur will not be closed. It is not lacking in precautions for the safety of the people in case of fire there. This statement is made because amusement halls in many cities all over the country are coming under the ban. Fire Marshal Shilling and other officials fully inspected the Powers opera house and had no fault to find with the precautions. They made some recommendations for extra precautions. They are all small ones, and will be complied with forthwith. It will be taken today.

The inspecting party last night was Mayor Shilling, C. W. Devore, chief of the department, Dan Mueller and Gene Head, members of the board of fire commissioners, Tom Sullivan, city electrician, and Shilling, chief of police.

Manager Given acted as guide and took them everywhere in the house from the basement beneath the stage to the flies far above the stage. They looked through every window and door and when they had finished Mr. Given asked them what recommendations they had to make.

Generally Satisfied.

There were several but the general opinion expressed was that as it stood the Powers opera house was well equipped with means of escape. Chief Devore representing the officials named the conference and asked the party that whatever was suggested if anything would be added as precautionary measures. He was delighted with the suggestion that hereafter whenever there is a performance at the opera house, a member of the fire department will be detailed as watchman on the stage. The detail for that work will be named by Chief Devore and the men will take turns. It will not be done as a holiday affair but they will be expected to be on the alert when on the stage. Three inch stand pipes on both sides and to these are to be added hose and nozzle equipment. There will be two stations, one in the files and one on the stage each with fifty feet of hose. In addition a Gamewell fire alarm box connected with the city system will be put on the stage. Mr. Powers asked Mayor Shilling to order such box at once and have it put in at the expense of the house.

Wiring Is Good.

City Electrician Sullivan said that the wiring in the house was well done, that so far as he could see there was no danger from that source. He said that he knew that before because he inspected the work when it was done and had examined it since that time. He said that the only trouble possible on that score was when big companies with their own electric apparatus made temporary connections and hereafter that work will be done under his supervision.

Object to Sawdust.

The floor of the gallery at the opera house has always been sprinkled with sawdust to assist in deadening the noise. Chief Devore said that sawdust was one of the things that insurance companies and fire fighters tabooed and hereafter it will not be permitted in the house. The danger from that source is not so much while the crowd is in the opera house as after they have gone.

Can Roll Down.

On the south side of the house the windows of the balcony open almost on a flat roof shed in the rear of the building at the corner of Wood and State streets. This shed is perhaps three feet below the level of the windows and about four feet from the wall of the opera house. Fearing that there might some time be a panic and that persons might jump from the windows it was suggested that some steps be taken to make it impossible for them to fall between the two buildings. Manager Given and Mr. Powers said that today they would have an incline built from the windows to the shed roof so that in case any one did try to jump they could do nothing more than roll to the roof of the shed only four feet below, and the possibility of an injury from that cause would be reduced to the minimum.

With the exception of the installation of the Gamewell alarm box there was nothing suggested that cannot be done today and before nightfall all of the extra precautions suggested will have been carried out.

Mayor Shilling said that the house was better equipped with exits than he had believed. His visit to the gallery last night was the first that he had ever made to that part of the house.

The belief was generally expressed that when the suggestions made last night had been carried out there was nothing that could be added to further the safety of the patrons of that house. Both Mr. Given and Mr. Powers were willing to do everything that the inspectors might recommend and urged suggestions.

A General Tour.

This afternoon at 1 30 Mayor Shilling the members of the fire commisson will begin a tour of inspection of the city. Mayor Shilling said that it was the intention to visit all of the places where there were large numbers of employes especially where women and girls were employed and where a panic would perhaps be most likely to occur and learn what precautions were necessary to add to their safety.

All of the halls in the business section of the city where there are regular lodge meetings and socials, will be inspected. All of the school buildings will be visited. In all buildings where there is any considerable amount of electrical wiring Electrician Sullivan will accompany the party.

Mayor Shilling said that there was no particular place in mind as being unsafe and the inspection was merely a precaution to learn if there was any place where special danger existed and if so to have it remedied as far as possible. The work will probably take the greater part of the commissioners time for several days.

Best Liniment on Earth.

Henry D Baldwin, Supt city water Works Shullsburg, Wis, writes "I have tried many kinds of liniment, but have never received much benefit until I used Ballard's Snow Liniment for rheumatism and pains. I think it the best liniment on earth" 25c, 50c and $1.00 bottle at King's drug store and Bell the druggist.

Good qualities like good steel knives grow dull of edge unless they are used.

MRS. MARY PRICE DEAD

Had Long Been a Resident of the Shady Grove Locality—Funeral To Be Held Thursday.

OTHER MORTUARY MATTERS.

Mrs. Mary Price, wife of Thomas Price, died at 4 30 a m Tuesday, Jan. 5, at her home near Shady Grove church, aged 63 years, 11 months and 15 days.

Mrs Price was formerly Mary Catherine Dougherty and she was born in Grant county, Wisconsin, Jan. 21, 1840, and was married Feb 2, 1860, to George G. Muir. Three children were born and two of these survive. They are Mrs. C. H. Durning of Mt. Zion, and G G Muir, of Decatur. The death of Mr. Muir occurred Sept. 3, 1864. The widow was married to Thomas Price Feb 21, 1867, and the husband survives. Five children were born to this union and three of these survive. They are J. W. Price, of Decatur, and two children who live at home. Mrs Price also leaves a step daughter, Mrs. S. H. Phillips, of Decatur.

The funeral will be held Thursday morning at 10 a. m. from Shady Grove church and the burial will be at Mt. Gilead cemetery.

Lawrence Green.

Lawrence Herbert, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Green, died at the family residence in Long Creek township at 9 20 p. m. Monday, Jan 4, aged 3 years and 8 months. Membraneous croup was the cause of death.

The funeral was held from the residence at 2 30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Rev. W W Theobold of Decatur officiated and the burial was at Long Creek cemetery.

Mr and Mrs Green last winter lost twin children.

Mrs. Newlin.

Mrs. Sargent H. Newlin died at midnight Monday at her home, 1315 North Water street. Pneumonia was the cause of death. Mrs Newlin had been ill for several months past.

Mrs Newlin was the daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Kizer. She leaves a husband and two children by her first husband, Mae and Glen Wayne, also a stepson, Eugene Wayne. She was about 44 years old.

The funeral will be held Thursday at 2 p m from the residence, 1315 North Water street.

If Unwell.

Try a 50c bottle of Herbine, notice the improvement speedily effected in your appetite, energy, strength and vigor. Watch how it brightens the spirits, gives freedom from indigestion and debility.

Isaac Story, Ava, Mo, writes, Sept. 10 1900 "I was in bad health I had stomach trouble for 12 months, also dumb chills. Dr. J. W. Mory prescribed Herbine, it cured me in two weeks. I cannot recommend it too highly, it will do all you claim for it." Sold by King's drug store and Bell the druggist.

FUNERALS.

Jesse Johnson.

The funeral of the late Jesse Johnson was held at 10 30 a. m. Tuesday from the residence of his stepdaughter, Mrs Frank Gharrett, near Green's Switch. Rev S. H. Bowyer, pastor of the First Baptist church, conducted the services and the burial was at the Garver cemetery.

Mrs. Ann Maroney.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Ann Maroney, who died at the age of 100 years, was held at 2 30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from St Patrick's Catholic church. Rev. Father Murphy officiated and the burial was at Calvary cemetery.

Allison.

The body of the child of Mr. and Mrs R. J. Allison, formerly of Macon and now of Champaign, was brought from that place to Decatur Tuesday for burial in Greenwood cemetery.

BOODY.

Mrs Adena Nolle of Harvel visited her mother, Mrs N. A. Nolle New Years.

School began Monday after a ten days vacation.

Alvin Evans is on the sick list.

Mr and Mrs W. F. Bailey were pleasantly surprised Thursday evening by about 90 of their friends at their home 1½ miles northwest of here. The evening was spent in parlor games, quite a number staying to see the old year out and the new year in. Mr Bailey has just moved into his new $6000 house which he erected last summer. Those present from a distance were Mr. and Mrs W. F Brown, Mr and Mrs Theobold of Decatur Mrs Brakhane of Harvel, Miss Jessie and Helen Masters of Jacksonville, Mrs. Wallace of Philadelphia, and Edw. Nolle of Souders, Ill.

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BLUE MOUND.

Inez Stuver visited in this vicinity last week.

A box social was held at Pleasant Valley school house New Years' Eve. A good entertainment was rendered and about $20 was cleared on boxes and cakes.

Mrs T D. Scott is on the sick list.

Melvin Overmeir returned today to Taylorville where he is attending high school.

Protracted meeting is still in progress at Bethel Union church.

Ira Sprague and Miss Frances Elliott who has been spending a ten days' vacation with friends here returned today to the J. M. U. at Decatur to resume their studies.

John Daniels will return to Brown's business college.

Harry Birks is visiting friends and relatives at Latham.

John Heitel put a new telephone in his house last week.

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Rev. Carlisle P. B. Martin, L. L. D.

Waverly, Texas, writes 'Of a morning, when rising, I often find a troublesome collection of phlegm, which produces a cough, and is very hard to dislodge, but a small quantity of Ballard's Horehound Syrup will at once dislodge it, and the trouble is over. I know of no medicine that is equal to it, and it is so pleasant to take. I can most cordially recommend it to all persons, needing a medicine for throat or lung trouble." Prices 25c, 50c, $1 bottle at King's drug store and Bell the druggist.

DR. COLLINS GOT A DEER.

Hunters In Mississippi Are Having Good Luck.

Dr. J. W. Sanders has received a letter from the hunting party which went to Mississippi last week, stating that on the first morning out a fine buck was stirred up and Dr. O. G. Collins put him down and out with a bullet through the neck.

A little later that same morning Emerson Sanders scared up a fine large turkey and shot him on the wing but it fell into a cane brake and got away. Mr. Sanders was just slightly vexed over his loss.

REWARD OF $250

Will Be Offered By the County for the Apprehension of Dr. B. F. Slusher.

RUMORS THAT HE IS NEARBY.

Missing Man's Brother Here To Look After Business.

A reward of $250 will soon be offered for the arrest of Dr B. F Slusher, charged with murder on account of the death of Mrs. Romick, the woman whom he attended.

The reward will be offered by the sheriff and the doctor's picture will be sent out over the country and a thorough search will be made for him and it is expected by the officers that he will be found.

The sheriff will make the offer of the reward and the county and the state will probably pay it. A number of the supervisors talked over the matter of giving a reward Tuesday. They said that they could not speak for the board but they gave the sheriff sufficient approval of the plan to warrant his taking the chance of the county paying $50 or $100 of the money. The state will be asked to pay a portion of the reward and the amount offered will probably be $250.

Dr. Slusher's office is now in charge of his brother, Roy Slusher, of St. Louis.

Friends of the missing doctor say that he is not far away and that it is fear of going to jail that keeps him away. They say that as soon as the doctor can make sure that he can furnish bail he will return to the city without being brought back by an officer. On the other hand the officials seem to think that the doctor has gone a long ways and therefore the picture and offer of the reward will be sent out.

MATTOON CENTENARIAN

He Has a Son Who Is Now Living In Decatur.

Editor Rardin of the Charleston News slipped over to Mattoon the other day and interviewed Uncle Henry Michael of 1109 Shelby avenue. It took Jim three days to write up the interview, but he got a great deal of ancient history from Michael, who will be one hundred years old if he lives until September 20, 1904.

The old gentleman was born in North Carolina September 20, 1804. He was of German extraction. His brother died in Yarmouth, Iowa, October 4, 1903 aged 100 years and two months. Uncle Henry is in vigorous health and bids fair to beat his brother for longevity.

With his parents he came to Coles county when a boy. Charleston was a village, Mattoon was not heard of and Oakland was called Independence and Pinhook.

Uncle Henry took up and bought land until he owned 400 acres. When he retired and moved to Mattoon he deeded these acres to his children. Uncle Henry married when he was 44 a Miss Lawrence, who was 19. They had ten children, born as follows: Willis, now living in Paradise township, James, living in Decatur, David, in Wabash Point, owning 300 acres, John W, Mattoon, Delos, died during Spanish-American war, Walter, at home, Mary Jane, married, Polly dead, Elsie, dead, and Annie Warner, living in Missouri.

Thirty-two years ago the old gentleman moved to Mattoon, which has since been his home.

The interview is valuable because of the light it gives on the ancient history of Coles county.—Mattoon Journal.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Happily Celebrated Near Long Creek on Monday.

Monday, Jan. 4 was the tenth wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs. Orville Shumate and it was duly celebrated by their friends and relatives who gathered at their home one mile north of Long Creek, with well filled baskets and many remembrances of the day.

The dinner at noon was served in three courses which was enjoyed to the full extent by all.

Those present to help with the merry-making were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cochran of Springfield, Mr. and Mrs. Wm Shumate of Prairie Hall, Messrs. Chas. Heckel, Calvin Floyd, Wm. Myers, Geo. McDonald, Frank Odor, S. C. Davis, Geo Carmean, B. F Woodruff and I. S. Underwood and wives, Mrs. E. D. Camp, Mrs J. E. Wheeler, Mrs. Elsie Greenfield, Misses Lena Wright, Lizzie Wheeler, Ethel Shumate, Zadah Myers, Velma Camp, Dessie Underwood and Masters Roy Heckel, Elmer Wheeler, Ralph Shumate, Ronald Odor, Everett McDonald and Chester Camp.

Regrets were received from many.

Mr and Mrs. Shumate received many useful and valuable presents.

This may be called a double surprise and anniversary as it also celebrated the forty-fourth year of married life for Mr. and Mrs J. A. Cochran who are parents of Mrs. Shumate.

PIPE GAS TO CHAMPAIGN

The Wells Are Near Tolono And Savoy And Said To Be Ample.

James Neal of Mt Vernon, O, known as one of the most prominent developers of natural gas wells in the state of Ohio, has been in Champaign, the present week making investigations into the gas supply in the neighborhood of Savoy and Tolono, with the intention, it is said of opening wells, the product of which would be piped to Champaign for use as fuel if the supply shall prove sufficient to justify such a move.

While in the city Mr. Neal made careful inquiry among persons who are well acquainted with the situation and went home apparently pleased with what he learned here.

It may not be generally known to readers of The Gazette, but it is a fact that for a number of years past natural gas has been used almost exclusively on two or three farms in the neighborhood of Savoy and Tolono for the heating of the houses and there are also two or three and perhaps more wells northeast of Urbana which have given out a steady supply sufficient for heating purposes for a number of years past.

It will be remembered that ten or twelve years ago a stock company was formed among Champaign people for the putting down of a well here. The well was sunk in the northern part of the city to a depth of something like 2,000 feet, but no gas was found and since then no further efforts have been made.—Champaign Gazette.

Bill of Sale.

A bill of sale in which James Foster conveys to Anna Foster a lot of live stock and farm implements was filed in the circuit clerk's office Tuesday. The consideration was $600.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Abner J. Wilson of Boone, Ia., has been appointed permanent receiver of the failed First National bank of Storm Lake, Iowa.

NEARBY TOWNS

OREANA.

John Oldweiler spent New Years with friends at New Holland.

Miss Pearl Bennett returned to Decatur Monday after spending the vacation at home.

G. S Morrison visited over Sunday with W H. Morrison and family of Farmer City.

Fred Morrison spent Friday in Clinton.

Mr. J Harris and Rev. C. Harris of DuQuoin, were called here this week on account of the serious illness of the former's father.

Mrs Sarah Williams returned Saturday after several weeks' stay with friends in Decatur.

The school began Monday after 10 days vacation.

Miss Cora Stewart returned Monday after spending her vacation at Clinton.

Mrs Jay Morrison of Rockford spent Monday with G. S Morrison and family.

Miss Sadie Scott was a Decatur visitor Monday.

J. Sampson and wife of near Argenta visited relatives here Thursday.

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MONTICELLO.

Miss Ethel Taylor returned from a visit in Chicago Thursday.

Misses Lelah and Birdie Garver of Decatur have returned to their home after several days visit with the Misses Woolington.

Mrs Parks of Farmer City is visiting her daughter, Mrs Edward Hemphill.

Rolla McMiller and John Dighton returned to their studies at Ann Arbor, Monday.

Miss Augusta Kastl was a Decatur visitor Saturday.

Mr and Mrs. Ed Widdersheim of St Louis attended the funeral of Philip Widdersheim Sunday.

Dr A VanHorn returned to his home in Pekin, Sunday.

Miss Catherine Dighton and Irene Handlin will return to the Monticello seminary Tuesday.

Miss Mabel Bender of Champaign spent Sunday at home.

Miss Della Stevens returned to Bement Sunday to resume her school duties.

Miss Myrtle Davidson returned to Chicago Monday after ten days visit with her parents.

The funeral services of Edwin Van Horn were held at the residence of his daughter, Mr W. C. Handlin on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock Rev. Dancey assisted by Rev Gleiser conducted the services. Dr. A Van Horn of Pekin and Lester Van Horn of Ford, Kansas, were here to attend the services. Interment in the new cemetery.

The funeral services of Philip Widdersheim were held at his late residence Sunday afternoon at two o'clock Rev. Dancey officiating. Those from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Widdersheim of St Louis, Mr. and Mrs. F. Miner of Champaign. Interment in the new cemetery.

Mrs Hiram Dillin spent part of last week in Tuscola the guest of her brother.

Charles Gott lately of Crowley, La., was a business visitor Saturday.

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MACON.

Mrs Wm Schuyler was visiting in Decatur Sunday.

Mrs George Ireland of Decatur visited relatives here New Year's.

Mrs. Fred Sivlking of Clinton visited Miss Rose Peter last week.

J A. Coombs of Findlay visited his parents J J. Combs and wife Sunday.

Misses Evelyn Schudel and Celia Moser returned to Normal Sunday to resume their studies at the university.

Miss Daisy Daggett returned to Lovington Monday to resume her school work.

Misses Winnie and Bessie Armstrong visited in Decatur last week.

Arthur Miller of Blue Mound visited Miss Vanda Willard Sunday.

Harry Ibison of Marion, Ind, visited his parents, Thos. Ibison and wife Saturday.

Everrett and Mabel Van Gundy have returned from a visit with their grandparents, E. Walker and wife in Assumption.

E. H. Van Gundy is visiting in New Orleans.

Mrs. Wm Schuyler and Miss Emma Boren entertained the Entre Nous club and their gentleman friends at the county home of Mrs. Schuyler Friday evening.

O N. Walker and family of Assumption visited Wm. Johnson and wife Sunday.

Dr. D. T Kyner of Blue Mound was in Macon Thursday.

Miss Eva Reed is visiting relatives in Pana.

Miss Maud Dunkel who has been visiting relatives in Ohio for the past two months, has returned home.

The Entre Nous club entertained at the home of Miss Daisy Daggett Saturday night. The house was decorated in green and red, the club colors. The evening was spent in playing flinch and other parlor games. Dainty refreshments were served. Those present were Misses Fannie Merris, Jessie Whittaker Emma Boren, Ophelia and Edith Garner, Daisy Daggett, Vanda Willard, Blanche Cazalet, Maud Cook, Ola Boggs and Mary and Elsie Anderson and Lily Draper, Messrs Karl Daggett, B. S. Borton, B. A Schudel, Walter Baird, Russell Elliot, Ora Daggett, Bert Cook and Arthur Miller of Blue Mound.

Mrs. O. H Hill and children have returned from a week's visit with relatives in Illiopolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carnahan visited relatives in Chicago last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hight entertained the Eastern Star on Friday evening at their home on Wall street.

Miss Josephine Waggoner of Decatur visited Miss Maud Cook Friday.

Mrs. H. R. Woodcock is entertaining her sister Miss Ella Middleton of Irving.

LATHAM.

Mrs. Martha Lucas has gone to St. Louis to visit with her daughter, Mrs. Phoebe Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Shaw and children spent Christmas with Chas. Wilbanks and family.

Miss Flossie Crane is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs M A. Crane.

Mr. and Mrs. Cara Reiterman ate Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Reiterman.

Mrs. Frank Gibson of Bellflower, Ill., who has been visiting at R. F. Buckles' returned home Monday.

Mrs. James Huston is still confined to her bed.

Miss Edna Snyder is spending the holidays at her home in Mt. Pulaski.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Davis and little daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Miles Garrison spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Huston. Mr. Garrison and family and A. M. Sheneman and family expect to move to Kansas in February.

A number of Lloyd Buckles' friends surprised him at his home last Saturday evening. Music and games were the amusements of the evening. All report a good time.

About fifteen young people enjoyed a skating party on the lake Monday evening.

Sunday school has been discontinued at the Colvin school house.

Dinner Party.

Miss Madge and Everett Jarvis entertained at dinner Wednesday the Misses Clara and Lillie Lucas and Clydia Neal of Clinton, Miss Katharine Bekemeyer of Mt Pulaski, Miss Blanche ames of Linton, Ind, Katie Kick and Willa Allison, Messrs. Bart Elliot, Robt. Tribbett, Capt. Hamilton, John Allison and Mrs. J. D. Bisheaig and daughter Fern. Regrets were received from Miss Violet Richmond of Peoria, Vivian and Wilbei Simpson of Decatur, Miss Grace Huston and Miss Della and John Weckel. A three course dinner was served at noon to which all did ample justice. Music and games formed the entertainment until 3 o'clock, when those from out of town took their departure voting the host and hostess splendid entertainers.

Mr. Dawson and family of Lovington and Miss Blanche James of Linton, Ind, were the guests of Mrs. Frank Lanum this week.

Walter Darden of Danville, visited his parents on New Years day.

Walter Van Gilden, the expert electrician of Niantic, was in town this week.

Mr and Mrs. C. A. Riney of St. Joe, Mo., are visiting at the home of Mrs. Rimer's mother, Mrs H. E Huston.

Frank Tribbett has purchased the R. L Huttman property on South Main street and has already taken possession.

Miss Lillie Bressmer has gone to work in a restaurant in Mt. Pulaski.

M T. Vaughan returned from his visit in Sangamon county last Tuesday.

John Weckel was called to Mt. Pulaski, on account of an injury his brother sustained in a fall.

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WARRENSBURG.

Thet Ladies Aid society of the Pilgrim Congregational church, met Thursday, Dec. 31, to elect officers for the following year, 1904. The net proceeds for the year 1903 were $115 46. President, Mrs. Holt, vice, Mrs. Lewis, secretary, Mrs. Robinson, treasurer, Mrs Schnoll.

Meeting of Concordia Club.

The regular meeting of the Concordia club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S Ritchie, in Warrensburg on Thursday evening, Dec 31. Ordinarily only ladies meet at the club, but on this occasion they generously allowed their husbands to attend their meeting.

Thus quite a little company was assembled. The hostess, Mrs. C. M Ritchie, had issued neatly printed invitations to all the husbands of the members of the club. The regular program of the club was first given, which was a musicale, interspersed with various readings. This was followed by an impromptu program given by the gentlemen present, which consisted of recitations, select readings impromptu speeches, and a couple of numbers were sung by a male quartet composed of Messrs. Baumgartner, Bunker, Comen and Underwood. Sam Ritchie also sang a song accompanied by his wife on the piano. This was the more surprising from the fact that Mr Ritchie was not before known to possess vocal talent.

There were about forty people present and the occasion was a most enjoyable one. Quite a number stayed to see the old year out and the new one in, and the time was spent in playing flinch. The hostess had installed a phonograph which afforded quite a little amusement. Refreshments were served consisting of oysters, coffee and cake, wafers, candies and lemonade. The decorations were evergreens and red ribbons. As the village church bells rang in the new year, all departed for their homes feeling that they had been royally entertained.

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BEMENT

Miss Luella was the guest of Mr and Mrs. Albert Hazzard in Monticello Wednesday.

Miss Anna Pettit was the guest of Mr and Mrs. J. Hicks in Monticello the past week.

Miss Mayme Day is home from Waveland, Ind, where she has been trimming the past season.

F. M. Baker of Woodlawn has been at the bedside of his mother, Mrs. Wm Baker who is seriously ill.

Miss Ida Fisher returned Saturday from a week's visit in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown of St. Louis spent the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Deakin.

Henry Johnson of St Louis visited Bement friends the past week.

Mrs. Florence Hoover of St. Paul, Neb, was called to Bement by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Wm. Baker.

Ralph Ellars of Ironton, O., is visiting his sister, Mrs A. Swenson.

Miss Ollie Markwell and Ora McDaniel went to the Gem City business college at Quincy Friday. Miss Ollie will study shorthand and bookkeeping and Ora will study banking.

Mr. and Mrs. E B Sprague and daughter Helen returned Saturday from a ten days' visit with relatives in Streator.

Miss Edna Coffeen of Bethany spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Coffeen.

Messrs. W. W Body and Fred Smith entertained a number of their friends at their rooms Christmas eve. A pleasant evening was spent and a bounteous spread of turkeys and other good things was served. This was given as a farewell reception for Fred who expects to visit in Nebraska and Oregon and will locate permanently in Colorado.

Mrs. W. J. Day is visiting her mother of Bloomington.

Mrs. B Alford of Eldred, Pa., who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. Muthersbaugh the past two weeks left Wednesday for Centralia to visit her daughter at that place.

Miss Pearl Martin spent the past week in Decatur the guest of relatives.

Miss Kate Dawson returned to Bement Saturday after completing her millinery season at Hope, Ind.

Prof. C. W. Groves of Dixon was the guest of relatives in Bement this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Stone have moved to Monticello.

Chas. Moore left Monday for Findlay, Ill, where he takes charge of the Farmers' elevator at that place.

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TAYLORVILLE.

Mrs. Dwight Dalby who was injured in the Wabash wreck at Worden is still in the hospital at Decatur.

Mrs. Martin Sattley of Springfield, formerly of Taylorville died at her home Friday from the effects of Bright's disease. The deceased was 64 years old and made her home in Taylorville until about ten years ago.

Bert Buckley has purchased one-half interest in the Taylorville steam laundry of J. M. Swartz.

Local union No. 646 United Mine Workers has elected the following officers President, Wm. Davis; secretary, Jeff Bland; treasurer, Abe Willey; committee, Wm. McClughan, Chas Oseland and Fred Bode.

E. A Rogers, the expert dyer in the employ of J. M Swartz and Mayme Daigh, of Taylorville, were married in St. Louis, Thursday. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos Daigh, of Taylorville. The family of the bride was opposed to the match and as a result of their attempted interference about six weeks ago their daughter left home.

G. M. Barhyt, the telephone manager, returned from a month's visit with relatives at Schenectady, N. Y.

The Z. R. Piper will case which occupied the attention of the court most of last week was decided in favor of the plaintiffs.

Hon. Richard Yates will speak at the opera house Tuesday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Douglas aged 63, died at the home of her daughter near Edinburg, from the effects of heart disease.

Tobias Warnack, one of the pioneer settlers of Christian county died at his home Sunday night of heart disease. He is survived by five children all residing in this vicinity.

Marriage Licenses—Aaron L. McDeed, Weldon, 21, Miss Ura Harrold, Pana, 21. Guy Hartsock, Grove City, 23, Miss Esta Ward, Grove City, 23. Charles Dunbar, Johnson tp., 23; Dora Oats, Johnson tp., 20.

At a meeting of county superintendents in Springfield Miss Anna Barbre, of Taylorville, was elected secretary for the ensuing year.

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Marriage Licenses.

Charles H. Heinle, Argenta 28
Clara Edwards, Argenta 18
Ira E Nicholls, Moweaqua 25
Olive Boyer, Moweaqua 20

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Russia, Japan, Manhcuria, Korea—War.

Japan evidently has a bad case of war fever.

Those who predicted an open winter have shut up like clams.

War or no war the correspondents are having lots to write about.

"War in the far east appears inevitable."—Hundreds of exchanges.

Being the ice man is better than being a Chicago theatre man, anyhow.

President Roosevelt made no apology for his Panama course. None was needed.

If Mayor Harrison had enforced the ordinance before the fire he could have saved 600 lives.

The last prize fight at San Francisco was surely barbarous enough to satisfy the most vicious.

Rumors of war sent the New York stock market tumbling down. It does not take much to rattle Wall street these days.

Missouri apples will stand no show at the fair. The Ben Davis should not get a premium if it were the only entry.

A big reward awaits the man who can make a fire proof building that will not burn. Even a brick kiln can be burned.

The best way to force theatrical managers to make amusement houses safe is to protest by staying away from the box office.

The architect of the Iroquois is a man of courage. He still can show that the wrecked playhouse was fireproof. He built it that way.

A very casual inspection of the opera house in this city will convince any one that it is one of the safest in the land. Yet no precaution should be omitted.

Talk of Uncle Joe Cannon for vice president is folly. He would vastly prefer to be the biggest man in the house rather than be a mere figurehead in the senate.

The New York Sun is threatened with a libel suit for saying that a certain professor was "off his nut." Perhaps he would have preferred being charged with having bats in his belfry.

This is the year the American people meet to elect a chairman for the coming four years. They have a good presiding officer now and will sign him for the coming season.

The closing of the Chicago theatres makes pretty cheerless the lives of those who were dependent on their wages as employes. There are thousands of them, too.

State Treasurer Busse has declared for Deneen for governor. Busse is a forceful man in Chicago politics and his support will materially add to the Deneen cause in that city.

The more that it is investigated the more it appears that the Iroquois theatre could scarcely have been more of a death trap if it had been so intended. Almost everything was wrong and the rest neglected.

The arrest of the owners of the Iroquois and the Chicago building inspector is putting the blame where it belongs. The subordinates may do for witnesses but the responsibility of the wholesale slaughter belongs higher up.

It is a grim and ghostly satisfaction to the survivors of the 600 victims of the Chicago horror for Mayor Harrison to close all the remaining theatres. If the laws had been enforced the slaughter might have been avoided. The mayor cannot escape responsibility.

Dowie may move his Zion City to Matagordo island just off the Texas coast. Some one once remarked that hell was not half a mile from Texas. This was probably some prophet anticipating Dowie's coming.

A few years ago Japan whipped China and did it so easily that she has ben aching to get hold of some one near her fighting size since. If she clutches with the Russian bear she will know she is in a fight.

Sixty-six years ago the first telegraph instrument ever made was completed. Had any one on Jan. 6, 1838 predicted the present means of communicating intelligence by electricity he would have been regarded as a fit subject for a mad house.

This is the anniversary of the birth of two of America's great ones. On January 6, 1811, Charles Sumner, a leading opponent of slavery was born. Thirteen years later, Thomas M. Cooley, a great jurist and writer on constitutional law first saw the light of the world.

Senator Stringer of Lincoln is being "mentioned" for democratic candidate for governor. This is as far as Larry should allow his friends to go. He is a bright young man but can gain nothing by being a sacrifice offering on the altar of his party.

The immigration returns for 1903 break all records. When all get in who want to perhaps congress will do something to regulate the increasing of the vast stream of old world people. There is plenty of room for the good of all nations but the vicious and criminal are not wanted.

The democrats are within six months of a national convention without a leader and without an issue. They may manufacture a paramount issue after the republicans meet and nominate. It will hardly last until November, however.

Bloomington observed the Sabbath with a full grown street car mob. Cars were damaged, motormen driven from their places and every species of disorder incident to such occasion was in evidence. This is the only respect in which Bloomington resembles Chicago.

The Globe-Demorat is a great joker. It says that this time next year the stockholders of the Louisiana Purchase fair will be drawing dividends on their stock. The draft will be so light that no one will be able to notice it. Should they be compelled to live on their dividends they would be eating snowballs.

It is all well enough to see that the theaters are safe but how are the hotels? Perhaps there are a dozen places in Chicago where as many people are found every night as in the same number of play houses. It would only take a little fire to destroy many lives. While the thing is going on the hotels should be made safe as well.

It should be remembered that congress has not yet made a law covering the case of assassination or its attempt on the president or other executive officers. After President McKinley was shot it was supposed that within a week after congress met such a measure would go to the president for his signature. Will it ever be passed?

Decatur should feel gratified that its play house has been found in such excellent condition. At Springfield their most pretentious amusement house has been condemned. It is so bad that little can be done to mend it except by tearing it down and building a new one. The Powers Grand opera house is one of the safest and best theatres in Illinois.

Russia is said to eel somewhat anxious about the attitude of the United States in case of war with Japan. She need not worry. Uncle Sam stands ready to sell all kinds of necessary war articles at regular market price. This will be the extent to which America will go. However, a good stiff squadron will float around in eastern waters to protect American life, interests and property.

Hawaii's delegate has been making a scene in Washington. He is known as Prince Cupid but this does not prevent him from indulging in a howling drunk. The Cupid is a nephew of the late Lilluakalani and boasts royal blood in his veins. It has frequently been discovered that royal blood does not insure decency. On the contrary it appears that even members of the real royal families are rather more likely to make royal jackasses of themselves than just plain ordinary people.

Senator Cullom thinks that immigration ought to be restricted. Thinking will be as far as the matter gets. Immediately after the assassination of President McKinley the senate started in to thinking about what could be done in the way of providing drastic punishment for anarchists and others making assaults upon the officials of the federal government. More than two years have passed since the assassination of President McKinley, but the senate has never gotten past the thinking stage.

It appears that the Iroquois theatre fire does not constitute the world's record for loss of life in a single structure. The Ring theatre in Vienna burned in December 1881 with a loss of 1200 people. Chicago has not quite reaches 600. No city is anxious for the distinction that the Vienna massacre gives it. The Chicago record is quite enough for many years to come. In fact it should lead to such precautions as to make such calamities impossible but it will not. People have short memories and rather enjoy taking chances. The night following the appalling calamity in Chicago another theater was crowded. People must be amused. The only way is to make stringent regulations and enforce them.

AN INTERESTING LAW POINT.

Charles Abbott, a blind piano tuner, attempted to board an Illinois Central passenger train at Webster City the other day and was informed by the conductor that the company had adopted a rule that no blind person should be permitted passage unless accompanied by a guide.

Abbott will now bring suit against the company to test the legality of the rule. Although totally blind he has managed for many years to get from place to place, and he claims that if compelled to hire some one to accompany him it would involve the sacrifice of all the profits of his labor.

The outcome of the suit will be watched with considerable interest. To the lay mind the rule of the company referred to will seem almost indefensible. When a blind person has purchased a ticket to a given point it would appear that no irksome task was imposed upon trainmen to guide such a one to a seat and assist him to alight when the destination was reached. Aged, infirm, or sick people and young people traveling alone are admittedly entitled to such attention, and a rule to discriminate against the unfortunate blind comes little short of being drastic.—Capital.

An Iowa exhange says that "Congressman John F. Lacey, of the Sixth Iowa district, is of the opinion that the republican candidate for the vice presidency should come from the state of Illinois. He reasons that the bitter factional spirit which has been rampant over there for so long is going to make party success there precarious at best, and that the state should be considered as belonging to the doubtful column."

If Mr. Lacey thinks Illinois a doubtful state it only shows the depths of his ignorance. There is no "bitter factional spirit" among republicans. There is a pretty hot fight going on for governor. The man who is nominated will get the loyal support of every defeated candidate and would not thank Mr. Lacey or any one else for an assurance of less than 60,000 majority. However, Illinois would not refuse the vice presidency. But she does not need it to help carry the state.

UP TO THE SENATE.

The President's special message on the Panama situation does not leave a peg for any critic to hang trouble on. A reading of this statesmanlike document shows up the faultfinders as bold pessimists and croakers.

The administration did not steal Panama away from Colombia but when the waters were troubled had sense enough to step in and be healed. It gave a legal opportunity to deal with the real owners of the canal strip without being compelled to pay tribute to the greed and rapacity of the Bogota government.

The democrats will not follow the leadership of Gorman and Hill in the unpatriotic task of rebuking Roosevelt for performing so necessary a duty and bringing such beneficient results to his country and the world.

CLEVELAND, A MOSES.

The Tammany harmony banquet has been held. rover sent regrets with advice to Tammany about running New York. This of course it will not heed. Hill was present and castigated the nation's progress in building the Panama canal. He advised that the treaty be rejected.

Olney rose to the occasion and administered a dose of vermifuge to Bryan by making Cleveland the only Moses to deliver the democrats from the Egyptian bondage into which Bryan plunged them.

The Commoner will be big with indignation when its chief gets home.

Henry Watterson will leave New York's 400 to a few days peace while he uncorks a few vials of his wrath. For some time democratic harmony can be scooped up in great loads and carted away to the political bone yard.

NO CONCEALMENT.

Everybody who has followed the matter carefully needs no additional evidence to convince him that the people of Panama gave ample notice of their intention to revolt several months in advance of doing so. If our government had not been aware of such intention, it would have been composed of deaf and blind persons totally unfit for any position of public trust. That they were fully aware of what was coming and took advantage of that knowledge, the prompt recognition given to the new republic sufficiently attests. That either the president or Secretary Hay in any manner fostered the revolution, or did anything in connection with it that will not bear the light of day, nobody whose opinion is worth considering doubts for a moment. Neither of these men is capable of a dishonorable act in either public or private life, and if either had been capable of such an act in this case, it would not have been necessary in order to bring about the revolution. Panama was doing everything that needed to be done in that direction, and was doing it with such lack of concealment that all the world was aware of its proceedings.

The Quincy Herald has a level head. Some are claiming a population of 48,000 for that town. In 1900 the census showed 36,252 a gain of 12 per cent in ten years. Now some enthusiastic idiot claims a gain of 36 per cent in three years. To this the Quincy Herald says that "It is ridiculous for the citizens to make foolish claims which are all blown to pieces whenever a census is taken. Quincy has not got 40,000 inhabitants, and no amount of hot air can make that number. Why not tell the truth?" Peoria and other cities should take the sensible advice of the Quincy Herald.

This is the anniversary of the birth of Commodore Stephen Decatur. He was born Jan. 5, 1779 and was a prominent factor in the war against Tripoli. This city is named after this rugged old hero. Many of the characteristics of this naval fighter are equally distinguishing marks of the biggest city of its size in this country. Decatur is a name to conjure with. It was Commodore Decatur who said: "My country may she always be right but my country right or wrong." Delightful Decatur.

The senate committee by a vote of 7 to 2 reports in favor of Gen. Wood. Scott of West Virginia and Blackburn of Kentucky cast the negative votes.

The opposition has simmered down to jealousy of army officers over whose heads Gen. Wood's merit carries him and malice of the postal thieves who operated in Cuba and were caught by Wood. There does not now appear to be a doubt of Gen. Wood's confirmation.

Gov. Yates is emphasizing his opposition to a 52 cent rate for state taxes. If the valuation of property and the money necessary to meet the appropriations can be produced at a lower rate Gov. Yates is right. Otherwise he is wrong. There is no advantage in producing a deficit to be carried over to the next year. Gov. Yates should be sure of his facts before making such an issue.

This is the birthday of Bishop George F Seymour of Springfield. He reaches the three-quarter century mark today, being born Jan. 5, 1829. Bishop Seymour is well known in Decatur as he often visits here in the work of his ministerial office. He is a man of marked ability and much beloved in and out of the Episcopal church.

David B. Hill has emerged from obscurity to show his ability to make a long-eared animal of himself as of yore. He advises democrats to defeat the Panama treaty. Who knows but this will prove the long-sought issue? Republicans could ask no greater fortune than to be placed before the country on the administration's Panama record.

Judge Taft has completed the purchase of the friars' land in the Philippines for $7,000,000. It was a delicate task but Taft was equal to it. He will soon come home to become secretary of war. In all his official work he has been equal to every emergency.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says that "Panama was the vermiform appendix of South America." True. Appendicitis ensued and a bloodless surgical operation was successfully performed. The appendix is happy and it is believed that Colombia will pull through.

No safety appliances can save a crowded house from panic. Some lunatic's cry of "fire" would create a stampede and a wholesale slaughter. One of the wisest things Mr. Given said to his audience Sunday night was that in time of danger, keep cool.

The fearful epidemic of disaster on the railroads during the last few weeks is almost forgotten in the appalling calamity at Chicago. The killing of a half dozen or even 50 people attracts but passing notice.

Mayor Harrison may not be indicted for criminal negligence in failing to enforce the law but he is already convicted in the judgment of a stricken people.

New York is to have a 45 story building. If a man on the 4500 floor should find the elevator out of order he could easily discover his days' work laid out before him.

Even though the horse is stolen it is well to lock the stable.
—Mayor Harrison.
Yes, you might lose the curry comb.

While the Chicago authorities have been playing politics the people have been exposed to untold disaster of which the Iroquois theater is but a sample.

Cleveland has one supporter. It is Richard Olney who served as his attorney general.

Utah was admitted to the Union Jan. 4, 1896. If Smoot could have been foreseen it might be different.

Democrats are threatened with Germanitics on the Panama question. It is but another name for suicide.

HIS DESPISED PATRIMONY

Will Make Him Independently Rich—An Operator's Luck.

Several companies have been organized in Decatur and own property in the Humbolt, Kan., oil and gas fields and therefore the following from the Pittsburg, (Kas.) Sun of Jan. 4 will be of interest to those Decatur citizens who are interested in that promising territory:

The Pittsburg, Kas., Headlight tells this story of the Chanute field:

D. L. Hazzard, a young man who was at one time a railroad operator for the Santa Fe at Frontenace, has struck it rich in the Chanute oil field, and returned from California a few days ago to find that he had suddenly acquired a fortune of no less than $100,000.

Mr. Hazzard was a poor young man and had little idea that he would ever be well-to-do. His father had a small farm near Humbolt, and when he died he left forty acres of the land to young Hazzard. The operator made his way to California and has since been working on railroads in that state, at present being located at Santa Maria, Cal. A short time ago the operator was well nigh astonished to receive a letter from a firm at Chanute offering $80,000 spot cash for his forty acre farm.

Probably nine out of ten young men would have jumped at the chance and sold, but Hazzard, although dazzled by the offer, was shrewd enough to realize that there must be some good reason for such an offer being made. He returned to Kansas at once and found, as he suspected, that his forty was in the center of the oil belt which has been found near Humbolt. Already a forest of derricks is springing up around his land and oil men are clamoring for leases on his property. "I wouldn't take $100,000 for that forty now," declared the telegraph operator. He will arrange to operate the oil himself. Mr. Hazzard is now visiting friends in Humbolt and Iola and is frequently pinching himself to see if it is really true and not a dream, that he has acquired wealth.

Much Corn Moving.

From all of the country stations come reports to the effect that there is much corn moving. The farmers who can deliver at Decatur have been busy during the last week marketing their corn.

NEARBY TOWNS

LAKE CITY.

Miss Mary Mercker of Chicago is visiting her mother.

Leonard Edgecomb and wife and Floyd Freeman started for Carrolton, Missouri Monday on a visit.

Herbert Cook left for Washington Tuesday.

Mrs. Ada Ross and children returned to Riverton Monday after several days visit here.

Uncle Rodney Adkins went to Ohio on a visit Monday.

W. H. Dickson was a Lovington caller Monday.

Mrs. Barney Sears of Tuscola returned home Monday after several days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Scott.

Nort Bennett and wife returned home Monday after spending holidays in the south part of the state.

TODDS POINT.

Mrs. Art Niedeffer of near Clinton has ben visiting her mother Mrs. McKinney and other friends here.

Miss Maggie Nicholson is spending a couple of weeks in Sullivan receiving treatment there for her throat and ears.

Mrs. James Atkinson is reported sick with blood poisoning the result of torpid action of the liver.

Mrs. J. Hilliard is home again from her Indiana visit.

On New Year's Days Mrs. Lloyd Francisco, Miss Effie Emel and Frank Francisco were visitors at the school.

Mrs. J. W. Atkinson took dinner with her mother in Findlay on January first.

Mrs. Frank Cline of Osceola, Arkansas accompanied by her brother George of Decatur visited their sister, Mrs. Lydia Nicholson and their neice, Mrs. R. Silver during the past week.

The youngest child of Harv Faris, Jr., by some accident fell against the heating stove on Tuesday and seriously burned its forehead.

Wm. Atkinson of Shelbyville was in the village Thursday. In company with J. W. Atkinson and wife, and R. Silver and wife he spent the evening with Mrs. Nicholson and there saw the dawn of 1904 while playing cinch.

At a meeting of the full board of trustees of the M. E. hall Mrs. A. Alward was again elected janitor for the coming year.

The commissioners and supervisors appointed by the county board met on the 28th and received the new bridge over the Okaw and arranged for the letting of the grading contract on Jan. 11th.

LONG CREEK.

Miss Mae Wright of Elwin spent Sunday with Miss Alice Sheets.

Ben Merrit shipped a car load of hogs Monday.

The oyster festival held at Calvin Floyd's Thursday night was well attended.

Ernest Fleicher who is suffering from an attack of grip is reported better.

Mrs. D. M. Lindsey is on the sick list.

Mrs. Corman was calling on friends here Monday.

L. N. Lindsey who has been spending his vacation with his parents here returned to St. Louis Monday where he will resume his studies in the medical college.

T. C. Buxton is still here looking after his political interests.

NIANTIC.

Elder R. A. Gilcrest's revival in growing in interest. Mr. Griffith, a Fort Wayne, Ind., singer is conducting the song service. Mr. Griffith is a good leader and a fine soloist. Rev. Bolles, a temperance worker and evangelist, will speak tonight and tomorrow night.

J. G. Willard and wife left Monday for Eureka Springs to spend the winter.

Richard Beck's youngest son, Bruce, has moved his family in with his father and mother, to take care of them in their old age.

George Wree and wife have returned from Illiopolis, where they visited Mr. Turner and family.

Miss Cora Ware was called to Blue Mound by the illness of her sister, Miss Delia Ware.

Mrs. Albert Waddell returned Saturday from Findlay where she visited Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Wright. She reports a daughter two weeks old in their home. Mrs. Lydia Judd kept house for her while she was gone.

Mrs. L. O. Hawk and son were guests of Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Vance of Springfield, Friday.

George Fornam and daughter Freda also Mrs. M. E. Lockhart spent New Years with Mrs. Cherry of Chandlersville.

John Gasaway and Emmett Waddell left Tuesday for a visit to relatives in Missouri, Texas and Louisiana. In Missouri they will visit the family of Lennie Waddell. In Texas they will be guests of Thurman Gasaway and in Louisiana they will be entertained by George Waddell and family.

The Niantic F. A. of L. A., had the honor of being the first to pay their assessment in 1904. Mr. Feltinstein will be in Niantic soon to help boom the lodge.

The W. C. T. U. meets Jan. 14 with Mrs. R. A. Gilcrest.

The entertainment "The Spinsters' Club," in connection with Aunt Dinah's Pledge, given by Niantic home talent was excellent. The participants were: Mr. and Mrs. Cross, Mrs. L. E. Kitch and sons, Robert and Willie; Miss Jennie Corbett, Mrs. Ellen Ryan, Mrs. Pearl Brown, Miss Wren, George Muirhead, Robert Gilcrest, Fred Monical and Henry Dingman. Good order prevailed. The inclement weather prevented a large attendance.

Miss Ethel Boone has returned from Sidney.

Noah Jacobsen has returned to the University of Illinois.

WARRENSBURG.

The Illini Mutual fire insurance company held its annual meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year on Tuesday January 4th. The old officers were re-elected.

Miss Carrie White returned to her school at Champaign last Monday.

Quite a number gathered at the depot Monday to say good bye to W. T. Bullard and family upon their departure for their new home in Louisiana.

H. C. Suttle, who is now the sole owner of the bank of Warrensburg came over from Kenney on Monday.

J. S. Childs of Decatur came out to the Illini fire insurance election Tuesday morning.

Miss Anna Ingham went as far as Decatur with her friends Miss Edna Bullard on her way to Louisiana.

Mrs. C. H. Faith went to Lincoln Sunday to visit relatives.

D. Bunker of Decatur visited his son George Bunker and family on Monday.

Jim Albert made a business trip to Bloomington last week.

Mrs. Thos. Schultz returned home from Milmine where she had been visiting relatives.

Stephen Shenneman and wife and Johnnie Cressler left for Oklahoma on Tuesday.

Mrs. E. C. Tozer returned from her visit to Springfield on Tuesday morning.

Grover Rouston of Springfield came for a visit with his brother-in-law, B. D. Akers and wife.

Mrs. Meade Jones is on the sick list.

Wedding Anniversary.

Monday evening January 4th being the 6th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. John Baumgartner, they invited a few of their intimate friends to spend the evening with them. A six course supper was served which embraced the delicacies of the season, inbraced the delicacies of the season, including ice cream and cake. The time was agreeably spent in playing flinch, pit, panic and Trix. Those present were J. Baumgartener, C. A. Drobisch, C. J. Tucker, J. H. Nottleman, C. C. H. Cowen and their wives; Mrs. Ruth Boughn and children and the Misses Bertha and Edna Albert and John Albert.

FIFTY YEAR ROMANCE ENDS.

Deininger and Mrs. Haile, Sweethearts In Childhood, Are Wed.

Belleville, Ill., Jan. 6—A romance more than half a century old culminated today in the marriage of Christopher Deininger to Mrs. Eva Haile.

Mr. Deininger is 73 years old and his bride is 70. As children they played together, and always the boy, nine years older than the girl, watched tenderly over her. As they grew older they still held their affection for one another, and at last were betrothed.

They were separated, however, and after a few years both married others and each had a family. For years they never heard of one another, as they had moved to other cities.

Recently they met here, and renewed their old friendship. This rapidly ripened into the old love, and today they were married, and left on the wedding journey they might have taken more than fifty years ago.

HIGH PRICED HOGS.

Shelbyville Breeder Makes a Notable Sale of Poland Chinas.

C. E. Pogue, breeder of high grade Poland China hogs, and proprietor of Willow Lane herd, north of this city, has sold his famous boar, Chief Sunshine 2nd, to E. J. Jimison of Oneida, Ill., receiving $2,500 for him.

Chief Sunshine 2nd was exhibited by Mr. Pogue at the recent international stock show in Chicago, and took the highest honors as first in his class, and first in sweepstakes.

Since November 18, 1903, Mr. Pogue has sold thirty-three head from his Poland China herd, including a half interest in Chief Sunshine, for which he received a total of $4,412. This makes an average of $130 per head.—Shelbyville Union.

MARRIED.

Root-Walls.

Jesse K. Root and Miss Tessie A. Walls, both of Bement were married by Judge Smith in the county court room Wednesday.

Stoneburner-Riley.

John W. Stoneburner and Miss Bessie L. Riley both of Herrick, Ill., were married by Judge Smith Wednesday. The groom is a farmer and the couple will reside near Herrick.

Jones-Kemp.

William E. Jones of Edwardsville and Miss Zora Kemp were married Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother on South Haworth avenue by Rev. Archie Ward. The couple will go to Edwardsville where they will make their home.

TO REMARRY DIVORCED WIFE

Dean Hart of Edinburg, a Wealthy Young Farmer Patches Up His Family Affairs.

WED AT SPRINGFIELD TODAY

A sensation was created at Taylorville when the fact became known that Dean Hart, a wealthy Sharpsburg farmer will remarry his wife, Mrs. Lillie Hart, in Springfield Thursday morning.

Mrs. Hart secured a divorce from her husband last November on the charge og cruelty. Mr. Hart gave her in the settlement of the case several thousand dollars in cash and real estate. Their marital affairs at that time caused widespread notice in Christian county owing to the prominence of the two families.

Dean Hart is the son of H. G. Hart of Edinburg, considered one of the wealthiest men of the county. Mrs. Hart is the daughter of Newton Anderson, a wealthy retired farmer of Taylorville.

Mr. and Mrs. Hart, it is said, will go to Springfield Thursday morning, where the ceremony will be performed. They will immediately leave for Florida to spend the winter.

SLEPT WITH THE HOGS.

Woman Sought Warmth of Swine to Escape Freezing to Death.

A special dispatch from Carbondale says: A woman whose condition was most pitiable was taken to the county farm from Fountain Bluff. She was found by neighbors lying among hogs in a sty, by the warmth of which she was endeavoring to keep from freezing. She was sick and her clothing scant. Her name was Matilda Miller, 46 years old. Her husband inherited several thousand dollars several years ago and at the time of his death two years ago left her $1,000. This she intrusted to others, who victimized her. She is expected to die.

STRADDLED SUNDAY QUESTION.

State Board of Agriculture Acts on State Fair Matters.

The state board of agriculture held its annual meeting Friday and straddled the Sunday opening question.

It was decided to open the fair of 1904 on Thursday, September 29; close it the following Sunday; reopen the next day and end on Friday, October 7. It is nuderstood that admission will be charged on the Sunday, but all concession exhibits must close. Otherwise the fair will be open.

Last year it ran on Sunday as on any other day and aroused a storm of protest from the church.

The report of the finance committee showed that the last fair made the state a profit of $25,000 and that it was the most successful exhibition ever given by the State Fair Association.

DID NOT KNOW WHY

Thomas Bradshaw Fined $100 for Breaking Car Seals.

Thomas Bradshaw was before Justice O'Mara Wednesday. He was arrested on a charge of breaking the seals on box cars while employed as switchman on the Wabash. He pleaded guilty to the charge but said that he did not take anything from the cars and did not know why he had broken the seals. He was fined $100 and costs and was discharged and given time to pay.

No Good—The skating at the river has been temporarily spoiled by the snow.

A BRONZE TABLET

To Mark Spot Where the Abraham Lincoln Cabin Stood in Harristown Township.

BIRTHDAY TO BE OBSERVED.

Effort to Get I. N. Phillips of Bloomington to Lecture Here.

The spot where the cabin of Abraham Lincoln stood is to be marked by a bronze tablet. The members of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution decided at a meeting held Wednesday that this should be done. The Lincoln cabin was located on the Scroggins farm in Harristown township and has long since been torn down but on the spot where it stood the tablet will be placed. Mrs. George Haworth, Mrs. Robert I. Hunt and Mrs. H. H. Crea were appointed as a committee to make arrangements for carrying out the plan. The meeting of the chapter Wednesday afternoon was held at the home of Mrs. T. T. Roberts on West Main street. It was Ancestor Day and each of the members told of what their ancestors had done in the Revolutionary war. The meeting was an unusually interesting one.

It was decided to observe Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12, and an effort will be made to have I. N. Phillips of Bloomington come to Decatur and deliver his lecture on Lincoln. Mrs. Henrietta McNulta was appointed to correspond with Mr. Phillips with a view of learning what plans could be made as to his coming to this city.

Mrs. McCoy who is a daughter of a Revolutionary soldier, was again at the meeting of the chapter.

BOYDEN'S TALE OF DISASTER

Logan County Coroner Who Escaped From the Iroquois Fire Gives Vivid Description of Scene.

SAVED LIFE OF A LITTLE GIRL.

John T. Boydon, who attended the Iroquois fire with Mrs. Boyden, probably witnessed as many of the horrors as any man living. Mr. Boyden was at the theatre early in the day to buy tickets in the front row of seats in the balcony but the office being closed he returned to his hotel and called later when he took tickets in the parquet, six rows back from the front row. He saw the first flash of fire, noticed it spread, calmed Mrs. Boyden and decided upon leaving between rushes. He heard Eddie Foy speak and says such an exhibition is equalled only by "the boy who stood upon the burning deck." He heard the orchestra play to drown the cries and shrieks of women and children. Every second seemed a minute, he says Finally seizing Mrs. Boyden by the arm he started by way of a side aisle when he heard a child scream, and looking back saw a little miss fastened in a seat. He returned and carrying her under one arm with the other piloted Mrs. Boyden toward an exit, found it blocked with people, stepped over a railing and had easy access to the open air, pasing on the way, the open air, passing on the way, bodies of women and children with men running over them.

When Mr. and Mrs. Boyden started to leave the parquet he looked up at the balcony and gallery and describes it as pandemonium—a large crowd struggling, fighting and shouting.

It is his opinion that not to exceed five minutes passed from the time the first spark was seen until he was outside the structure, yet, during the brief space of time fire was falling around them in the parquet when proceeding out and at the entrance the heat was nearly stifling.

Mr. Boyden is confident many a person burned to death inside the theatre, others run out in flames, scores inhaled fire and died and hundreds went down under the weight of strong crazed men.

Mr. Boyden is the coroner of Logan county and has been an undertaker for thirty years. He is a close observer, cool in emergencies and not given to exaggeration. He asserts without hesitancy doors which should have been open were closed. He also asserts the responsibility for the fire came from the stage where huge doors were open in the rear producing a draft, which carried the flames and heat to the galeries and the balconies where occupants perished instantly, when struck by fire.—Lincoln Herald.

PAST AND PRESENT HISTORY

Of Decatur and Macon County From the Press of S. J. Clarke Proves Valuable Contribution

TO LOCAL HISTORICAL WORKS

The Past and Present History of Macon County from the press of S. J. Clarke and Company of Chicago is now being delivered to subscribers and proves to be a most valuable contribution to the historical literature of this section. It is a large and handsomely bound volume of 885 pages with gilded edges and profusely illustrated with steel plate and copper plate engravings. A more complete work of the kind has never been issued and the subscribers to the book are well pleased with their investment. It is much more interesting than the ordinary work of the kind, is beautifully printed and throughout shows careful preparation. The historical matter of the city and county was supplied by John G. Keller, former superintendent of the country schools, and the work speaks for itself. Mr. Keller has undoubtedly furnished a most interesting account of city and county history from the very beginning.

A history of the schools of Decatur was supplied by E. A. Gastman. Following comes a long list of biographies of prominent men and women both in the city and county. The book sells at fifteen dollars.

Deeds Recorded.

S. H. Jameson to C. E. Stein, lot 6 in Evans' second sub-division to Decatur; $1.

Charles Moore to George W. Lohman lot 28 in block 3 in Higgins' addition to Decatur; $1,600.

Plead Guilty to Assault.

Frank Upper is in the county jail on a charge of assault and battery. He was arrested on an information filed in the county court and Wednesday he appeared before Judge Smith and pleaded guilty and was fined $10 and costs. The man was unable to pay so he went to jail.

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A LOSS OF MONEY

At Critical Time in His Financial Affairs and Opportunity to Partially Recoup.

CAUSE OF HURLBURT'S LEAVING

Chairman of the County Board Returns and Explains.

E. R. Hurlburt, chairman of the board of supervisors and a member of the grocery firm at Mt. Zion has returned home. There has been a good deal said of the absence of Mr. Hurlburt and last night he made an explanation of his actions to a Herald reporter.

The story which Mr. Hurlburt tells is one of a great misfortune in a financial way which he sustained. He says that the worst of it all is that many stories have been printed in regard to him. He says that he never had any intention of staying away and did not mean any wrong to his friends or creditors.

Face It Out.

"I intend to face it out," said Mr. Hurlburt, although it is hard to do after all that has been said. It was all a case of making so many surmises. I suppose that it was on account of the letter that I wrote to my wife. If she had received the second letter I sent I am sure all of this would never have come out.



E. R. Hurlburt.

"You see when I arrived in Decatur I was confronted by this situation. Until then I did not know that all of these things had been said about me and it made me feel very bad to think that I was suspected of deserting my wife and child of whom I think so much and of having broken the confidence placed in me by the people of Macon county.

Tells Whole Story.

"I will tell the whole story. I went to a state meeting of nurserymen at Bloomington and there learned that a firm at Villa Ridge, in the southern part of the state, was rather shaky. I felt uneasy because we had sold the firm a large bill of goods, apple trees amounting to about $150. I went to Villa Ridge to see about the business. I collected some money which I put with other money which I had collected. My object was to make as good a showing as possible with the firm in making a settlement for the year's work. I carried the money in my pocket. I have always been in the habit of carrying money in that way and never before lost anything.

Lost $765.

"I lost out of my pocket $765. This was money which I had collected and you may imagine my feelings on discovering that I had lost so much. The ferryman took me back and I made a search but the money could not be found. I think I was robbed in the hotel and lost my money in that way. I had some other bills in a vest pocket which I did not lose or otherwise I would not have been able to get out of the town.

"I was simply frantic and did not know what to do. Of course the loss of the money is nobody's business excepting that of myself and my business partners but I tell of it because it has been talked about.

"If anyone wants to take the trouble to substantiate my story about the loss of the money they can ask at Villa Ridge and Cairo and they will find what I say is true.

Old School Friends.

"The thought of financial obligations I had at home and the realization that I had lost all that money and would be unable to pay my debts was terrible and it was the hardest experience I ever went through in all my life. On the impulse it seemed that I would never be able to come back and face my friends and family.

"I hunted up an old school mate whom I knew when I lived in Ohio. I told him everything about it and he helped me. He said that he would send me to the mining district in Missouri and pay my expenses and would give me $100 if I succeeded in renewing some leases which had expired. I was glad of the chance of making some money and took up the proposition he offered me and started right out for Joplin and Carthage, Mo. The work took eight days. I had to go to Kansas City to have some of the papers signed but I finally succeeded in the work I had undertaken and then came direct to Decatur to find that all these things had been said of me.

Financial Affairs.

"About my financial affairs it is true that I am hard pressed for money and have been all the time I have been in Macon county for that matter. I had some old debts back in the east which like any honest man I have been trying to pay off. I did not want these debts to follow me here for collection so I borrowed here in order to settle the old debts. In my anxiety and eagerness to settle the old claims I went in deeper here than my reason should have allowed me. Then came the calamity of losing the money which I had collected.

None Will Lose.

"No one will lose a dollar on me. I have never intentionally beat anyone out of a cent and I will pay back every dollar that I owe in this county. On account of the loss I had it will be impossible for me to pay now as I had hoped but if I am spared for a year I am sure that I can settle every dollar that I owe.

Out of Reason.

"It was said that when I returned to Decatur I looked depressed. Of course I was depressed when I learned that the people thought I had deserted my wife and child of whom I think more of than anything else in the world and that the people thought that I had thrown away my home and all of the confidence and position the people of the county have given me. It is without reason to think that I would leave all these things.

"I have made some mistakes in my life, I know, just like many other persons have done and I made some mistakes on this occasion. I should have explained more fully to my wife, but I have been so used to going about at will that I did not explain matters as fully as I should have done. I always have been more or less poor because I guess I have been too generous at times in helping others. Some of those in my township who have been talking most about me are persons whom I befriended and helped and some are persons who hold political jealousies.

All Right with Board.

"My affairs with the board of supervisors are all right. I served the county to the best of my ability and have taken a deep interest in affairs and I will continue to do the same thing. Everything so far as the board is concerned is perfectly satisfactory. There has been some talk of electing another chairman but I intend to serve out my term in that capacity. I intend to go ahead as usual and I think that the people will look upon it in the right light. Other people have been in uncomfortable financial condition and in time I will come out all right that way.

Still in Firm.

"I am still in the firm at Mt. Zion. Mr. Spitler put the advertisement in the papers stating that I was no longer in the firm as a matter of protection to himself and the firm, thinking that I might not come back. Now that I have returned he will recall the advertisement and I will continue in the business."

Mr. Hurlburt was met in Decatur on his arrival Tuesday by his wife and child from Mt. Zion. They stopped at the Angle hotel on Front street. Mrs. Hurlburt returned home late in the afternoon and Mr. Hurlburt came to the Brunswick hotel where he usually stops. He will go to Mt. Zion today.

Several of Mr. Hurlburt's friends called upon him and talked with him regarding his return.

Deeds Recorded.

James Ryan to John Ryan et al, lot 12 in block 3 of the village of Harristown; $1.

Elizabeth E. Bowen to George E. Hardy, quit claim to the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter; also the north half of the southeast quarter; also the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter; also the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter, all in section 18, township 14, range 1 east; $1.

Joseph W. Hardy to George E. Hardy, quit claim to same; $1.

Nancy R. Pridmore to Jacob W. Johnson, quit claim to the undivided one-third of the undivided one-seventh interest of the east half of the southeast quarter of section 29, township 16, range 1 east; $270.

Francis M. Johnson to Jacob W. Johnson, quit claim to the undivided one-seventh interest in the east half of the southeast quarter of section 29, township 16, range 1 east; $810.

John Matthews to Jacob W. Johnson, quit claim to the east half of the southeast quarter of section 29, township 16, range 1 east, excepting ten acres off the south side; $2,160.

James Selberling et al to Amanda E. Matthews, quit claim to lots 14 and 15 in block 19 of the village of Blue Mound; $1.

Katherine Kreher to Martha Ehrisman, lot 11 in block 1 in Solon Place addition to Decatur; $1.

Births.

Cruikshank—Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Cruikshank, West William street, Jan. 5, a daughter.

Morris—Born to Mr. and Mrs. I. Lewis Morris, living on Gulick avenue, in Walnut Grove addition, Tuesday, a daughter.

Hill—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hill of North Woodford street, Jan. 4, twin daughters.

Bizerta, Jan. 5—The Russian cruiser Dimitri Donskoi, accompanied by two torpedo boats, left here today for Suda Bay.

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SULLIVAN.

School opened Monday after the holidays for the rest of the term.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Munholand and Martha Sicafuse of Bethany called on T. H. Grantham and family last week.

Perry Underwood left the first of the week for Lake Charles, La., where he will make his home. His family will follow as soon as he gets located.

Bert Smith of Bethany returned home Thursday after a week spent in visiting relatives in Sullivan.

Irving Herendeen of Bethany was a business visitor in town Friday.

Sullivan had no one in the big Chicago fire of last Wednesday.

Charlie Lynn, an employe on the county farm had a hand badly mashed in a corn crusher and lost two fingers on his right hand, one day last week.

James Bolin of east of town went to Arkansas last week. He will build on his farm that he bought and will leave a man there to look after the farm. Will Ray and S. T. Butler will also build on their farms in the same locality this season.

Real Estate Transfers:—D. S. Landen et al to J. D. Warren, tract in Arthur; $2500. Job D. Bolin to Geo. H. Adams, 94 acres, sec. 23, tp 13, range 5, $4500. Elizabeth Hostetler to T. C. Kearney, quit claim to 60 acres, sec. 9, tp. 15, range 5; $3600. I. J. Chandler to W. H. Whitlock lots in Arthur; $209. Jos. Gough to A. W. Gustin, tract in Kirksville; $300. Sarah VanHise to Stella VanHise residence property in Sullivan; $1.

Marriage Licenses:—James McCoin, Sullivan, 23, Irene Renfrow, Sullivan, 18. Herbert Ward, Bethany, 19; Ethel Sand, Bethany, 18. Andrew J. Waggoner, Whitley tp., 24; Minnie Shaw, East Nelson tp., 18. John E. Turner, Dora tp., 25; Virginia Switzer, Dora tp., 19. John J. Johnston, Jonathan Creek, 35; Mrs. Minnie Ferguson, Sullivan, 30. John M. Cahill, Arcola, 22; Pauline Grdliker, Decatur, 20. Jessie Drew, Jonathan Creek, 21; Bertha Vogel, Sullivan, 18.

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CLINTON.

The G. C. Reuter & Brother stock has been sold for $3100 to R. M. Price, who will open a Boston store in the old Bazar stand.

Engineer A. J. Hall received a very painful scalp wound a few nights ago by being struck by a poker from a passing engine.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tilley were married twenty-five years on New Years' eve, and a number of their friends tendered them a very pleasant surprise. Ice cream, cake and coffee were served.

Miss Iva Monson will leave in a few days for an extended visit in California.

Among those killed in the Iroquois theater fire was a Miss Dickhut, a former trimmer for Mrs. Ulery of Clinton.

Mrs. Walter Shumaker received a painful injury by a large spike penetrating her foot.

P. H. Bowles celebrated his 60th birthday Friday and a number of neighbors wer einvited to participate in a grand dinner in honor of the occasion. Among those present were four of his comrades. O. E. Hoyt, W. L. Williams, Isaac Lafferty and Wm. Armstrong.

Next Tuesday evening B. F. Staymates will address the LaSalle Farmers' Institute, his subject being "Chemistry of Illinois Soils."

Misses Lillian and Rose Kent are expected home today from a visit with their aunt in Indianapolis.

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HINDSBORO

C. F. Shanks and wife of St. Louis visited Charlie Mitchell and wife from Thursday till Sunday. Their wives are sisters. Mr. Shanks is one of the trustees of the great fair to be held in St. Louis. He reports a wonderful change being made. No laborers are allowed to smoke inside the grounds. Guards are plentiful and watch everything, especially to prevent fires.

Henry Riley returned from Vandalia last Monday from where he visited his daughter.

C. M. Weller and family attended a family reunion west of Kemp at his father-in-law's last Tuesday.

J. A. Wright went to Tuscola last Monday on business.

Rev. Wilson the Methodist minister, began a protracted meeting at Filson Sunday evening.

Robert Sibert went to Willow Hill last Friday to spend New Year. He returned Monday and brought his wife and daughter home with him. They had been visiting relatives there for several days.

Several leap year parties have already been held near here and others dated.

F. C. Dever went to Decatur last Friday evening to attend the funeral of his brother, Charles Dever.

Wm. Harn has sold out his stock of hardware and furniture also the buildings to a Mr. Mickle of Pesotum. Mr. Hearn gave possession Jan. 4.

W. P. Perkins is filling his ice house with fine ice from 12 to 14 inches thick, from the Embarras river. He hauls the ice about three miles. He intends to put up 125 tons.

Chat Baise of Fresno, Cal., is here visiting his father, S. E. Baise.

Miss Ella Wicker of Terre Haute, Ind., and Clancy Wright of Ashmore, visited relatives and friends here last week.

Henry Riley the section boss and Mrs. Mary Miller went to Oakland Saturday and got married. That is the first leap year wedding this neighborhood. They both have children married.

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MOSQUITO.

Jake Apple is very sick of asthma.

Mrs. J. R. Scott was called to Harristown Tuesday, by the serious illness of her sister Mrs. Bert Fyke.

Grandpa Hemsteadt is very sick.

Rev. Sayer held services at Valley church Sunday.

Mrs. Hupp was called to Decatur to see her daughter who is sick.

Melvin Overmire has returned to Taylorville to school after a week's visit at home.

Mrs. Deel of Blue Mound is visiting with Thomas Bottrell's this week.

The entertainment was well attended Thursday night at Valley school. Some $20 was made.

Eva Hupp is entertaining company from Moweaqua.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gimmer spent New Years at Decatur.

Fred Woolfer visited at Jim Challman's Sunday.

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VONN.

Miss Leola Clawson gave a peanut roast New Year's day, to her most intimate friends. The "goobers" were sent her by a sister living in the rice country of Louisiana.

The young folks gave Miss Laura Canham a surprise yesterday evening. The time was spent in music, games, and refreshments brought were served.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Vaughn gave a dinner yesterday. Louis Canham and family, Mr. and K. E. Bugg, Grace Moore and Trude Sabine were present.

The Misses Sabine will give a social to their young friends, tonight.

A. M. Long and family of Assumption and O. P. Coonrod and family ate New Year's dinner at C. S. Long's.

Married at the residence of the bride's parents, on Wednesday, Ben H. Corn and Bessie Melugin.

Geo. L. Lowrance and Clara C. Long stole a march on their friends and hied away to Taylorville, and were married at the home of the Misses Pinkerton, Thursday evening, Dec. 24, Rev. R. C. Hull of the Baptist church officiating.

Arthur Moore returned from visiting Stonington friends, yesterday.

Miss Ila Emerson and brother Wayne who is home from Dixon for the holidays, are visiting in this vicinity.

E. Long was a business visitor to Taylorville on Thursday.

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THE CHATTERTON IS UNSAFE

Well Known Play House at Springfield Is So Declared By the City Authorities.

HOUSE AT CLINTON CLOSED.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 5—Chatterton's opera house was found to furnish poor protection for patrons, in case of fire, by a special committee named by Mayor Devereux yesterday. The committee visited the theater in the afternoon, and in their recommendations to the city council last night many changes in the construction of the building are suggested. The report also recommends protection from danger for dance and entertainment halls in various parts of the city.

Mayor Devereux yesterday named Aldermen Neuman, Maisenbacher and Miller as special committee to make an inspection of buildings, and all places where large crowds of people are likely to congregate. The committee accompanied by City Engineer Hamilton, the fire marshal, and chief of police, made the rounds in the business district. The last place to be visited was the opera House, where some time was spent.

The report states that two of the exits to the building were blocked, and also that the wiring throughout is poor. The part of the report referring to the theater is as follows:

"We also examined Chatterton's opera house at the southeast corner of Sixth and Jefferson streets, and find the walls of said building to be in an unsafe condition. The fire escapes being not practical, doors on stage open in. At the time of this inspection two exits were blocked and electric wiring was in very poor condition. The north and south walls were bulged, and in general present a very poor appearance. There are no exits, off the main floor on the south side of the building, and the iron grating in front of the building opens inward, and while open is not secured, which will cause trouble in case of accident, and your committee can see no way in which the present building can be made safe for the general public. Some improvement could be made in cutting two doors in the south side on the main floor; a steel curtain placed on the stage, and a ventilator of proper design be placed over the scenery loft."

CLINTON HOUSE CLOSED.

Company Billed There Tuesday Night Not Permitted to Show.

Clinton, Ill., Jan. 5—The opera house has been closed temporarily at least. The mode of exit is not considered safe or adequate in case of fire. The "Bunch of Keyes" company was billed to appear here tonight but the city authorities would not permit the house to be open.

TWO HUNDRED

And Costs Was the Fine Assessed Against E. B. and C. H. Dimock in the Federal Court.

ED. PROMPTLY PAID UP.

Springfield, Jan. 5—Special to The Herald—Edward B. Dimock of Decatur and Charles H. Dimock were each fined $200 and costs in the United States court at Springfield Tuesday. Both pleaded guilty to a charge of using the mails for obscene purposes.

C. H. Dimock is an uncle of Ed Dimock. He formerly lived in Decatur. The two conducted what was known as the Dimock Specialty company and their goods were of a nature which the U. S. mail regulations do not permit of being sold by means of the mails. The offence occurred about eight months ago and the two men were indicted by the federal grand jury. The case came up Tuesday before Judge Humphrey at Springfield.

Both defendants pleaded guilty and the judge fined them $200 and costs each, to stand committed in the Sangamon county jail until fine and costs are paid.

Ed Dimock paid $220, covering the fine and the costs. C. H. Dimock did not pay but he was released on the promise to pay a certain amount each month until the penalty is settled.

Linxweiler Case.

The case of Eugene Linxweiler which was set for January 8, has been postponed. Linxweiler was charged with sending boycott matter on postal cards through the mails, in relation to a paper in California.

WABASH HOSPITAL NOTES

Dr. Prince, of Springfield, was visiting at the hospital Monday evening.

L. H. Merris, an operator at Jacksonville, came to the hospital yesterday with the middle finger of his left hand badly smashed.

George H. Welty, the watchman at the car shops in this city, had a cataract taken from his eye at the hospital yesterday by Dr. McClelland.

All of the people who were in the Worden wreck who are now at the hospital, are getting along well and in a few days some of them will be able to be discharged. Engineer Tom Boyle is now able to be up and get around a little.

VALUABLES FOUND IN DEBRIS.

Jewelry Recovered By Laborers At Work in Iroquois Theater.

Chicago, Jan. 5—To the thousands of dollars' worth of articles found in the Iroquois theater ruins were added yesterday many pieces of jewelry and other goods gathered by laborers who are removing the debris. Three ladies' gold watches, four rings, two of them set with diamonds, jeweled hat pins and fur jackets were placed in the care of City Custodian Dewitt C. Creiger, who is guarding the property. It is estimated that there are $25,000 worth of goods still unclaimed, including jewelry, women's finery and all sorts of clothing, from rubbers to opera hats and furs. Three persons laid claim to a gray fox boa worth $55, and it was an hour before Miss Edith Morse, a Clinton, Iowa, school teacher, was given the boa on the strength of her statement that she had attached a hook and eye with a piece of blue sewing silk.

THE SPECIAL LIST

Of Prizes Offered for the Poultry Exhibit In Connection With the Farmers' Institute.

INCLUDE WELL KNOWN BREEDS

Merchandise and Cash Offered As Inducement to Breeders.

The members of the County Poultry association have arranged the premium list for the poultry show which will be given in Decatur Jan. 12, 13 and 14, while the county Farmers' Institute is in session.

It is expected that there will be a fine display of fancy bred fowls. The entries are open to any poultry fanciers, whether residents of this or other counties. The show will be given in the old postoffice building.

The following is a list of prizes offered in the different classes:

Special premiums Macon County poultry and pet stock show to be held in Decatur, Ill., January 12, 13 and 14, 1904.

AMERICAN CLASS A

Barred Plymouth Rock.

Best Display—One gold filling, Decatur Dental Parlor, Dr. H. C. Bachman, $2.50; best pen, Pr. Men's Po-Tay shoes, D. B. Folrath, $5; best trio, one mandolin, S. M. Lutz' music house, $3.50; best one box candy, Nichols and Summerville, $1.50; pair chickens, one box chicken food, W. G. Johns, Boody, $1.50; best pr. fowls, one stand lamp, (gas) Dec. Plumb. & Heat. Co., $3.

White Plymouth Rocks.

Best display, one box Little Rose cigars, J. Michl & Sons, $2; best pen, one pair shoes, Rodgers & Clark, $2.50; best pair fowls, 25 lb. pkg. Dr. Hess' stock food, Leon & Morris, $1.50; best pair chicks, one box cigars, F. W. Witke, $2.

Buff Plymouth Rocks.

Best Pen—One pair shoes, F. H. Cole Shoe Co., $2.50; pair fowls, one pump oil can, J. P. Eckles & Co., $1.50; pair chicks, Albert Leech, 50c.

Silver Wyandottes.

Best Pen—One pair men's gloves, Race Clothing Co., $2; pair fowls, cash, 50c; pair chicks, cash, 50.

Buff Wyandottes.

Best Display Pen—One pair glasses, R. C. Augustine, $3; cash, Decatur National Bank, $3; pair fowls, one bust, Haines & Essick, $3; pair chicks, W. H. Black, $1.

White Wyandotte.

Best Display—Box Goodman Band cigars, Seibert & Hendricks, $2; pen, one garden plow, Tenney & Silking, $4; pair fowls, one box candy, The Maris Candy Co., $2; pair chicks, E. R. Moffett, $1.

Partridge Wyandotte.

Best Pen—Decatur National bank, $2; pair fowls, 100 lbs. Gold Medal Flour, Riddell, McClelland Gro. Co., $2.80; pair chicks, one berry spoon, J. E. Yoke, $1.75.

Class B.—Asiatic.

Best Display in Asiatic Class—Gold filling Decatur dental parlor, H. P. Bachman, Mgr., $2.50.

Light Brahmas.

Best Pen—One umbrella, F. Curtis Jewelry Co., $5; pair fowls, music roll, S. M. Lutz' music house, $1.50; pair chicks, L. Burrows & Co., $2.

Dark Brahmas.

Best Pen—One lamp, Linn & Scruggs, $2; pair fowls or chicks, L. Burrows & Co., bankers, $1.

Buff Cochins.

Best Pen—Millikin National bank, $5; pair fowls, set China plates, J. W. Carey, 5 and 10 cent store, 60c; pair chicks, one picture, Bevans' book store, $2.

Partridge Cochins.

Best Pen—One guitar, Prescott music house, $5; pair fowls, L. Burrows & Co., $2; pair chicks, umbrella Stewart Dry Goods Co., $2.

White Cochins.

Best Pen—Two pillows, Dec. Tent & Awning Co., $2; pair fowls or chicks, set of cups and saucers, Carey 5 and 10 Cent Store, 60c.

Black Langshans.

Best Display, F. C. Churchman, $1.50; best pen, rifle, Morehouse, Wells Co., $5; pair fowls, horse blanket, J. G. Starr & Sons, $2; pair chicks, box cigars, Quinn & Segforth, $2.

Class C—Mediterraneans.

Best Display—One gold filling, Decatur Dental Parlor, Dr. H. P. Bachman, mgr., $2.50.

White Faced Black Spanish.

Best Pen—One pair slippers (men or women) Hutchin & Hardy, $2; pair fowls, one riding bridle, J. C. Beatty & Son, $1.50; pair chicks, cash, C. A. Tariff, $1.

Single Combed White Leghorns.

Best Pen—Citizens' Nat'l bank, $2; pair fowls or chicks, one pail 25 lbs. Tri-State poultry food, M. T. Cavanaugh & Co., $1.

Single Combed Brown Leghorns.

Best Pen—Citizens' National Bank, $3; pair fowls, five lbs. Wishbone coffee, Bean, Pritchett Co., $1; pair chicks, John Allen, $1.

Rose Combed White Leghorn.

Best Pen—H. H. Randolph, grain and stock broker, $3; pair fowls, 100 lbs. oyster shells, C. E. Ward Produce Com., $1.50; pair chicks, 5 lb. pail lard Young & Suessens' Market, 75c.

Buff Leghorns.

Best Pen—Box Elks' cigars, L. W. Fribourg, $2; pair fowls, one pound Red Ribbon Coffee, Schile & Oehler, 35c; pair chicks, Byrd L. Davis, 50c.

Black Minorcas.

Best Pen, one jardiniere, Bachman Bros. & Martin Co., $1.50; pair fowls or chickens, two pkgs. Stillwagon's poultry food, Durfee & Culp, 50c.

Class E. Hamburgs.

Best Display—Cash, $1.

Silver Spangled Hamburgs.

Best Pen—One jardiniere, Bachman Bros. & Martin, $1.

CLASS H. GAMES.

Brown Breasted Red.

Best Pen—One box cigars, John E. King, druggist, $2; pair fowls, two bunches lath, Colby Bros. Lumber Co., 50c.

Brown Red.

Best Pen—Comb and brush, I. N. Irwin, druggist, $2; pair fowls, 1008 Rock Plaster, Rock Plaster Co., $1.

Silver and Gold Duckwing.

Best Display—Paper for ordinary room, 10c roll, Spence Bros. & Pease, $1.60; pair fowls, one box candy, Chandler Bros., 50c.

Red Pyle.

Best Pen—One University hat, Joe Miller, $2; second best pen, one lamp, People's Furniture Co., $1.

Cornish Indian Game.

Best Pen—Box Cigars, W. G. Johns, Boody, Ill., $2; second, four lbs., White Star coffee, Barbey & Cooper, $1.

Means Red Cubans.

Best Fowls—Rug, Bradley Bros., $2.-50; second, box F. P. cigars, F. P. Pahmeyer, $2.

Pierce's Wisconsin Red Shufflers.

Best Pair Fowls—E. R. Moffett, $1; pair chicks, box cigars, Schlaim Bros., $2.

Red Arkansas Travelers.

Best Pair Fowls, W. H. Black, $1; pair chicks, toilet case, West's drug store, $2.50.

Fleming's Invincibles

Pair Best Fowls—C. L. Robinson, breeder B. P. Rocks and W. Wyandottes, $2; pair chicks, one shirt, Stine Clothing Co., $1.

Clark's Trans-Atlantic.

Pair Best Fowls—10 lb. lard, Danzelsen Packing Co., $1.25.

Blue Arkansas Travelers.

Pair Best Fowls—One hat, G. W. Harris, haberdasher, $2.

CLASS I. GAME BANTAMS

Black Breasted Reds.

Pair best fowls, scarf pin, Kaufman Clothing Co., $1; pair chicks, pkg. Hess' poultry food, Leon & Morris, 50c.

Red Pyle.

Pair Best Fowls, pair cuff buttons, Kaufman, clothier, $1; pair chicks, bottle perfume, C. F. Shilling, 75c.

Golden Duck Wing.

Pair Best Fowls—Watch fob, Kaufman, clothier, $1; pair chicks, 50c.

Silver Duck Wing.

Pair Best Fowls—Neektie, Ryan Clothing Co., $1; pair chicks, I. K. Felch, poultry culture, L. Chodat, $1.25.

CLASS J—Bantams Other Than Games

Golden Seabrights.

Pair Best Fowls, cuff buttons, Ryan Clothing Co., $1; pair chicks, umbrella, Chas. T. Johnson, $1.

Silver Seabrights.

Pair Best Fowls—Bottle Perfume, Armstrong Bros., $1; pair chicks, two pkgs. chicken food, Frank Williams, harness, $1.

Buff Pekin.

Best Pair Fowls—Box stationery, Bell the druggist, $1; pair chicks, merchandise, S. D. May, grocer, $1.

Partridge Cochin.

Pair Best Fowls—One set teaspoons, H. Post & Sons, jewelers, $1; pair chicks, one rug, People's Furniture Co., $1.50.

Class K., Miscellaneous.

For Best Display—W. C. Armstrong, $1.

R. L. Reds.

Best Pen—Case of corn, Mueller, Platt & Wheeland Co., $2.50; pair fowls or chicks, one half dozen toilet soap, Decatur Drug Co., 50c.

Class L.—Turkeys.

Best Display—A. R. Montgomery, $1;

Bronze.

Best Pair—One grip, J. R. Moore, trunk factory, $1; second, 1 gal. Lee's lice killer, 60c.

White.

Best Pair—One bed spread, Wm. Gushard Dry Goods Co., $1.75; second, one pkg. Fleek's lice killer, J. N. Bommersbach, 25c.

CLASS M—DUCKS.

Pekin.

Best Pair—One hat, Ottenheimer Clo. Co., $2; second, pkg. poultry food, Bommersbach, druggist, 25c.

Rouen.

Best Pair—1 doz. cans tomatoes, S. McCane, grocer, $1.50; second, H. F. Robbins, 50c.

CLASS N—GEESE.

Toulouse.

Best Pair—One bottle perfume, E. E. Horrall, druggist, $2; second, one nickle plated towel rack, Field & Shorb, $1.25.

Emden.

Best Pair—1 Gal. Varnish, W. C. Pluck, Wall Paper Co., $2.50; second, nickle plated soap cup, Field & Shorb, 75c.

Class No. 9—Special.

Best Capons—C. L. Robinson, breeder of B. P. Rocks and W. Wyandottes, $3.

W. H. Averitt, Hillopolis, Ill., will show capons and will give demonstrations each day in caponizing.

Special Notice.

Every poultry fancier in Macon county should become a member of the Association. There will be a meeting of the Association in Exhibition hall Wednesday at 1:30 p. m. to elect officers and transact other important business. Join, and be one of us.

Short Postmasters.

Washington, Jan. 5—The secretary of the treasury today transmitted to the house a statement of accounts of postmasters who have retired from office during the year and who are short in their accounts. The total shortage is $23,454, divided among 188 postmasters.

"INCURABLE" HEART DISEASE SOON CURED

During the last two or three years very great improvement has been made in the treatment of diseases of the heart. Cases formerly considered incurable now rapidly yield to new remedies. The well known specialist in treating heart diseases, Franklin Miles, M. D., LL. B., of Chicago, will send $3.75 worth of his new special treatment free to any of our afflicted readers.

This liberal offer is for the purpose of demonstrating the unusual curative powers of his new treatment for heart troubles, such as short breath, pain in the side, oppression in the chest, irregular pulse, palpitation, smothering spells, purfing of the ankles or dropsy.

They are the result of twenty-five years of careful study, extensive research, and remarkable experience in treating diseases of the heart, stomach and nerves, which often complicate each case.

The treatments are prepared expressly for each patient, as the result is much more certain and satisfactory.

Few physicians have such confidence in their remedies. And there is no reason why all afflicted persons should not avail themselves of this liberal offer. No death comes more suddenly than that from heart disease. Thousands died unnecessarily each year, because most physicians do not understand these cases.

Mrs. Frank Smith, of Chicago, was cured of heart dropsy, after five leading physicians had given her up. Mr. Julius Keister of Chicago, was cured after failure of ten able physicians.

A thousand references to, and testimonials from bishops, clergymen, bankers, farmers and their wives will be sent free on request. These include many who have been cured after from five to twenty or more physicians and professors had pronounced them "incurable." Among them are H. A. Groce, 504 Mountain St., Elgin, Ill.; Mrs. Sophie Snowberg, No. 282 21st avenue, S. Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. A. P. Colburn, Blessing, Ia.; Mrs. M. B. Morelan, Rogers, O., the presidents of two medical colleges, etc.

Send at once for free personal treatment, book and question blank, before it is too late. Address Franklin Miles, M. D. 505-515 Main st., Elkhart, Ind.

Mention Decatur Herald in your reply.

EIGHT GRAVES SIDE BY SIDE

Victims of the Iroquois Disaster Buried at Hart, Mich., and Memorial Services Held.

THEY WERE ALL RELATED.

Hart, Mich., Jan. 5—The funeral of eight victims of the Iroquois theater fire was held today. The bodies were interred side by side. This afternoon memorial services were held in the Methodist church, the courts, schools and business houses being closed.

All of the deceased were related, the list being:

Mrs. Mate Palmer Moore.
Sybyl Moore.
Lucille Bond, of Hart.
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Moore.
Roland McKay, Chicago.
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beznek, Superior, Wis.

Kentucky Legislature Meets.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 5—The Kentucky general assembly organized today by the election of democratic officers in both branches. The governor's message was read.



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I positively cure Nervous Debility, Lost Vitality or weakness, the result of errors, etc. My treatment will stop that drain upon your system and overcome all weakness and restore strength, vitality and nerve power. Blood poison, Sores, Ulcers, Falling Hair Skin Eruptions I guarantee to cure to stay cured or no pay. If you have a Chronic, Nervous or Private Disease, come to me and I will cure you. During my twenty years' experience I have cured over 15,000 men. I cure Varicocele and Hydrocele, Stricture, Fistula, Piles and other Rectal Diseases, without pain or the knife. NO FEE NEED BE PAID UNTIL CURED. I am better prepared to treat these diseases than your family physician. No charge for consultation, whether you take treatment or not. Call or write.

I cure diseases peculiar to WOMEN, without the knife. I cure all Chronic Diseases, diseases of the Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels, Rheumatism, Catarrh and all Chronic Nervous and Private Troubles.

My Guarantee NO FEE TILL CURED. If you have the least doubt of my ability to restore you to health, and wish to try my method of treatment, you may deposit the fee for a cure in any Decatur Bank—not to be paid till a cure is effected. Patients, if they prefer, may pay in easy monthly installments.

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ARE TWO BIDDERS

Peoria and Springfield Want the Republican State Convention.

POLITICS ARE LOOKING UP.

Numerous Counties Preparing to Hold Conventions.

Peoria is preparing to ask the republican state committee for the convention of 1904. Already meetings have been held in that city with the intention of presenting its claims for the meeting and funds are now being solicited in that city for this purpose. The contest is to be between Springfield and Peoria, the former city being a standing applicant for all state meetings The convention two years ago was held in Springfield and the people of the Still city think it is their turn again. They entertained the republicans assembled for the nomination of a governor four years ago when Richard Yates was placed at the head o. the ticket.

Since that time, however, Springfield has improved its facilities for handling conventions by the erection of a hall suitable for such purposes and is now in better shape to bid for the larger gatherings. The Peorians boast of better and greater hotel accommodations, which they undoubtedly have, but the politicians usually prefer to gather at the state capital, which is primarily a place full of politics They may be induced once in a while to make a change for the sake of some variety, and it is the claim of the Peorians that several of the committeemen have already signified their willingnese to take the republicans to their city but Springfield will undoubtedly let it go only after a hard contest, if they do at all.

Sharp Ogle County Contest.

It looks like a sharp contest between Lowden and Yates in Ogle county The republican county committee of that county will meet in Oregon today to call the county convention to select state delegates The report is that January 23 has been agreed on as the date of the convention. Colonel Lowden will be in Rochelle, in Ogle county, today, and he will spend a couple of days in the county.

The Yates people are preparing to make a fight for the control of Ogle One plan suggested is that the governor shall spend a week in the county after the county convention has been called. Another plan is that he shall make speeches in Oregon and Rochelle only. The Yates men say they have figured out the conditions in Ogle and that they lack only seventeen delegates of controlling the county convention.

Lee County Meeting Friday.

The Lee county republican committee will meet in Dixon Friday to call the county convention. Colonel Lowden will be in Amboy Friday, and will see his friends in Lee county while there. The Yates people are talking about making a fight against Lowden in Lee county, but present indications are that they will not do so

The McLean county republican primaries will be held Feb. 20 Reports from McLean indicate that either Warner or Yates will have the county

These early conventions in northern and central counties of the state are unusual, and show the anxiety of the governorship candidates to get quick action in the matter of delegates. Heretofore the southern counties have been the first to hold conventions, and Richland has generally been the first on the list. Now it seems that Ogle is to lead the procession.

Graeme Stewart for Lowden.

Graeme Stewart has declared himself for Lowden for governor. The declaration was made to a number of politicians who were at the Auditorium waiting to see Senator Hanna. This, coming on the heels of Fred A. Busse's declaration in favor of Deneen, shows that the twenty-first ward, Chicago, is not unanimous. It is certain that Graeme Stewart and John M. Smyth will be state delegates from the twenty-first and both are for Lowden

George E. Brennan, secretary of the executive committee of the democratic state committee will reopen the state headquarters in room 300 of the Sherman House today. The democrats are watching with interest the contest among the republican candidates for governor. The democrats think that if the republican fight should become very bitter they might have a chance to elect a democratic state ticket next fall.

CARP BY THE CAR LOAD

Eastern People Buy the Despised Illinois Fish and Think It is Good.

DELICACY AT WALDORF-ASTORIA

Nat C. Cohen and S. P. Bartlett of the Illinois fish commission met Tuesday for the purpose of auditing the bills of the commission and passing upon several matters of minor importance. A number of permits, authorizing fishermen along the Illinois river to fish through the ice under the supervision of the commission were approved.

Under the rules of the commission the fishermen are permitted to take only carp and other coarse fish through the ice, and all of the game fish ensnared must be returned to the water. Special wardens are appointed to supervise the fishing, and the industry is conducted only when they are present to see that the rules are observed. Heavy penalties are enforced for failure to comply with the commission's rule.

The taking of carp in the winter has grown to be a large industry, there being a heavy demand for the fish in New York Last week five carload of carp were sent to that city the call for them is in excess of supply at all times. The carp is esteemed by people in this section of the country, but down east, where the residents are surfeited with salt water fish, it is regarded as a delicacy. It is served as such at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel and at the leading restaurants in New York.

"The trouble with the western people," said Commissioner Cohen yesterday, "is that they have unreasonable prejudice against the carp. As a matter of fact it is a fine fish when properly prepared for the table, but people out here do not know how to cook it and they have formed the impression that it is worthless.

"You cannot fry carp, but if you will broil and bake it you will have as fine a fish as you will care for. Some day when the prejudice against the carp wears away, our people will learn how to prepare him for the table, and then we will understand why he has been in such demand in a market where the finest salt fish in the world are sold in competition with him."

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

No Smoking—The street car barn has been almost covered inside with signs "Don't Smoke" These are required by the insurance company and it is said that they will be literally enforced.

To Peoria—C W. Frazier who had a desk in Attorney I A Buckingham's office has gone to Peoria where he will take a position with Attorneys Stevens and Horton.

Postponed—The installation of officers of the Lady Maccabees which was to have been held Wednesday afternoon was postponed until the next meeting on account of the illness of the installing officer

County P. A. Election—The election of the officers of the County Poultry association which it was announced in the papers would be held yesterday was a mistake! The election is not until next Wednesday

Quilting—The fifth ward of the ladies' aid society of the Christian Temple will have an all day quilting today with Mrs. Barnes, 1003 East Eldorado street.

ATTACKED BY AN INMATE

Half Crazed Man Attempted An Assault On Steward Kirkman But Was Laid Out.

BROKE HIS FINGERS BY BLOW.

W. A Kirkman, steward of the county poor farm, has his arm in a sling as a result of a murderous attack made upon him by one of the half crazy inmates of the poor house

Mr. Kirkman was attacked by a man who was shipped here not long ago. His home is in Chicago, but he managed to land in this city and was sent to the poor farm as he was unable to care for himself.

The fellow is a big strong man and might be a good match for anyone Mr Kirkman ordered him to assist some of the other inmates in cleaning one of the rooms. The man flatly refused to do any work. Mr. Kirkman insisted and then the inmate picked up a big poker and made a rush for the steward. Mr Kirkman saw that it would be necessary to use force and he struck the man a blow with his fist before the other had a change to hit him with the poker Mr. Kirkman struck the man's head with a glancing blow and two of the fingers were broken. The steward will have his hand in a sling for several weeks

JAMES M' EVOY MARRIED

Proprietor of the National Hotel Wedded Wednesday at Wapella.

SOUTH ON HONEYMOON TRIP

James D. McEvoy, proprietor of the National hotel on Front street, was married Wednesday morning at Wapella, Ill., to Miss Maria Green

The marriage occurred at 9 a. m at St Patrick's Catholic church, the rector, Rev Father Doolin, officiating After the ceremony there was a wedding breakfast at the bride's home The couple received many handsome presents from their friends

Mr. McEvoy and his bride left in the afternoon for Memphis, Tenn., where they will visit until February when they will come here to make their home. The groom is the proprietor of the National hotel in this city and has many friends in Decatur. The bride is a well known young lady of Wapella.

Among those from Decatur who were in attendance at the wedding were Mrs. Jane McEvoy, Mrs Richard F McEvoy, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Denham and Miss Nellie Devine.

THE QUESTION OF AUTHORITY

Is Raised Regarding the Right of Board to Offer a Reward for Dr. Slusher.

MR. HURLBURT OFFERS $100.

The sheriff has not yet made the offer of $250 for the apprehension of Dr. B. F. Slusher and he says that he has no information as to where the doctor may be found.

It is understood however that a reward will be offered in a few days and Wednesday Chairman Hurlburt of the board of supervisors authorized the statement that the county would give $100 reward for the capture of the missing doctor.

The announcement that a reward was to be offered and that the county would pay a part of the money, it seems, has caused some grounds for argument. According to some statements made there has arisen a question as to whether or not the county board has any right to offer and rewards in such cases.

One of the members of the board said that he did not approve of the plan at all and it is intimated that the matter will be fought when it comes up at the board meeting It is claimed that such action on the part of the board is illegal and that the supervisors have no right to offer a reward.

Marriage Licenses.

Jesse S. Root, Bement	21
Tressie A. Walls, Bement	18
Samuel H. Smith, Rockville	43
Lottie M. Leonard, Decatur	24
Charles W. Jones, Chicago	26
Dora B. Leonard, Decatur	22
Lester Ekiss, Milam township	20
Eva L. Rouch, Dover, Okla	23
Irvin H. Barnett, Long Creek	20
Ida Mayberry, Sangamon	18
John W. Stoneburner, Herrick	23
Bessie L. Riley, Herrick	18

CASE AGAINST KINCAID

Has Been Set for Trial in County Court on Friday.

The case of O. W. Kincaid who is charged with running a gaming house will come up in the county court next Friday. The case is the result of the raid of the place several days ago when a roulette table and wheel and poker table and some other furniture was seized by the officers. The witnesses were subpoened last night.

St. Paul, Jan. 6—General George L. Becker, former chairman of the state board of railroad and warehouse commissioners and a prominent politician and for many years actively engaged in public life in St. Paul and Minneapolis, died tonight.

BLUNDER OF AN ENGINEER

THE CAUSE OF THE FEARFUL WRECK ON THE ROCK ISLAND AT WILLARD, KAN.

SEVENTEEN WERE KILLED

And Thirty-Seven Persons Seriously Injured—Passenger and Freight Collided—Running Rapidly.

Topeka, Kan., Jan 6—Seventeen persons were killed and thirty-seven injured in the Rock Island passenger wreck at Willard, this morning. Most of the injured are in Topeka hospitals. The doctors announce all will recover with the exception of Mrs. M A. Hill of Greensburg, Kansas.

The dead

MRS J. H. HILL, Greenburg, Kan.
MRS. MARY HARVILLE, son, daughter and sister, MRS. SUSAN REED, Chillicothe, Mo.
JAMES GRIFFIN, Claremont, Mo.
E L MISSER, Buffalo, N. Y.
RAYMOND A. MARTIN, Chillicothe, Missouri.
W S. MARTIN and wife, St. Joseph, Mo.
E R. RANKINS, DeKalb, Mo.
WM. J WELLS, Jacksonville, Fl
MRS. MARY KAISER, address unknown,
GAIL FULLER, aged 7, Blockton, Iowa.
GRACE and LENORA REED, Chillicothe, Mo.
Unidentified boy, aged 8.

The following is a list of the injured
G. W. Sherman, McFarland, Kan., slight
Blanch Martin, St. Joseph, Mo., foot sprained, face cut.
E. U. Totman, Harlan, Mo.; back and head injured, not serious.
Molly Fuller, Blockton, Io., head and back, not serious
C A. Pried, Everest, Kan.; sprains.
Mrs. H B. Ropske, Louisville, Ky.; back injured, not serious.
Mrs. D E Fuller, Blockton, Io., face cut.
Hattie Ellinger, Lindsburg, Kan., face cut.
Dan H. Wadsworth, Armourdale, Kan., leg broken.
Clarence Fowler, Hanson, Ky., head cut.
Mrs. Alice Rosebo, address not given bruised.
Mrs. M. A. Hill, Greensburg, Kan., leg and arm fractured, serious.
H R Jones, Everest, Kan., nose fractured, face cut.
J. C. Nagle, conductor, Kansas City, ankle broken, bruised.
T Allen, porter, Topeka, back injured, not serious.
C A. Wright, Kansas City, fractured rib and internal injuries; serious.
V. Frazier, Kansas City; shoulder hurt
J. Veneman, conductor of Pullman, Kansas City, Mo
O Swanson, Lane, Kan
F L Beatty, Pennsylvania.
E F Adams, brakeman, Everest, Kan
Mrs Rose Bulb, Atchison county, Kan.
Mrs Bertha Shubert, St. Claire, Ill
Ola Harvo, Lynne, I. T.

Carelessness of Trainmen.

Carelessness of the trainmen, it is alleged, caused the wreck The ill-fated passenger train was instructed to meet the special freight at Willard. Upon arriving at that station and seeing the freight on the siding, Engineer Benjamin, it is said, presumed it was the one he had been instructed to pass He threw open the throttle and under the impetus of full steam the passenger train leaped into the darkness and crashed along at the rate which passengers declare to have been fully 65 miles per hour. The first note of the danger the passengers received was when the trains crashed together

General Superintendent Cluber of the Rock Island makes this statement to the Associated Press

"The engineer of the passenger train had orders to wait at Willard for the special stock train He passed on, mistaking the freight on the siding at that station for the stock train. This caused the wreck. Nobody else is to blame, as far as our information goes."

The coroner commenced an investigation and until its conclusion no action will be taken against the trainmen.

Crushed in Seats.

Those killed were crushed to death in their seats When rescue was finally possible only three persons, a man, a woman and a small girl, were taken out alive. The rescuers were forced to chop their way through the side of the car to reach them.

A relief train with a dozen physicians aboard reached the scene of the wreck as soon as it was possible to get it there and the doctors began the work of relieving the injured.

All the dead and injured were taken to Topeka where the latter were placed in hospitals.

Some bones taken from the wreckage were so badly crushed as to be unrecognizable.

None of the trainmen seemed to know who was to blame for the wreck.

Blame it on Freight.

According to the passenger conductor the wreck was caused by the freight crew running off schedule. The passenger train had the right of way, he declares, and the freight train should have waited for it to pass at Maple Hill, six miles west of the scene of the collision. The wreck occurred at a curve.

The hero of the wreck was Dr. Bell of New York city, a young physician, himself crippled and walking on crutches The doctor, although slightly hurt as a result of the collision, was the first man to leave the Pullman sleeper, which was not damaged.

DEPRIVED OF HIS RIGHTS.

Paymaster Rodney of the Navy Demands Heavy Damages.

Washington, Jan. 6—Robert Burton Rodney, a paymaster with the rank of Lieut. Commander on the retired list of the navy today brought suit for $50,000 damages against Capt. Samuel C. Lemly, judge advocate general of the navy for alleged long continued "pecuniary and naval grade losses" and indignities. The complainant alleges that Lemly has usurped practical supremacy in the navy department and is depriving the complainant of legal rights under his commission.

MAKES 100 MARRIAGES LEGAL.

Virginia Legislature Passes Special Act Annulling New Law.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 6—When the governor signs the bill passed by the legislature today, 100 couples married in the various counties of Virginia since Dec. 12, will be united legally.

On the date mentioned a law went into effect that, hereafter, all marriage licenses should be obtained from clerks of circuit, instead of county courts, the latter going out of existence on Feb. 1 under the new constitution.

Neither the clerks nor the couples seemed aware of the law, more than 100 of the latter being married under licenses granted by county clerks.

It became necessary, therefore, for the legislature to validate these marriages.

The senate passed the necessary law before the Christmas holidays, but the house acted only today.

ABOLISH LONGSTREET'S OFFICE.

Late Confederate General Had Nothing to Do But Draw Pay.

Washington, Jan 6—Secretary Hitchcock has recommended to President Roosevelt that the office of railroad commissioner, held by the late General Longstreet, be abolished. It seems probable the recommendation will be adopted and no successor to Longstreet will be appointed. The duties of the office practically have been absorbed by the interstate commerce commission.

BOILERS OF BRITISH CRUISER

Explode Killing Forty-Three Persons at Sydney.

Sydney, N S W., Jan. 6—Forty-three persons were killed by an explosion of the boilers of the British cruiser, Wallaroo.

The Wallaroo, Sydney, N. S. W.

The naval authorities are advised that one boiler burst, but are not informed of the names and rank of those killed The killed are assumed to include the whole shift of twenty-three stokers and a number of deck hands.

FATAL EFFORT TO GET WARM

Boy Inhales Steam From Spout of Kettle and Dies Quickly.

Derby, Conn., Jan 6—In an attempt to warm himself, Anthony Rangewitz, 2 years old, son of Frank Rangewitz, placed his mouth over the steaming spout of a kettle while standing beside the kitchen stove at his home this morning.

His mouth and lungs were frightfully scalded and he died in half an hour

The family is poor and the little fellow had suffered from cold all day He first warmed his hands on the kettle, then, noticing the hot steam, took a long draught.

SHERMAN ENJOYS HIS CANVASS.

Is Making a Hand to Hand Campaign of the Entire State.

Springfield, Ill., January 6—L. Y. Sherman, republican candidate for governor, was in the city attending to correspondence at his headquarters. Sherman was in most excellent spirits and declared that he was encouraged by the conditions as he finds them. He was in a facetious mood and suggested that a quick way to dispose of this question now before the party would be to throw all seven candidates into a pit and start them at it The fellow who came out whole or alive should be the nominee. "I'll take my chances on that kind of a deal or any other kind," he remarked. Judge Sherman is making a very quiet but none the less efficacious canvass of the state. It is a campaign of personal visitation from ear to ear and eye to eye. "I get tired sometimes and sometimes have to lay by for sickness," said he, "but I enjoy it. I am making acquaintances and friends that I would never meet in the ordinary sort of campaign." I am looking out after Sherman and no one else, and am making no references whatever to other candidates or their claims."

COLISEUM IS CLOSED

FOR A TECHNICAL VIOLATION OF THE CHICAGO BUILDING ORDINANCE.

ACTION WILL NOT INTERFERE

With the Holding of the Republican National Convention Say Senator Hanna and Graeme Stewart.

Chicago, Jan. 6—Although the Coliseum in which the national republican convention is to be held in June was closed by the order of Building Commissioner Williams today, it is stated the order will be rescinded within forty-eight hours and that no change in the convention plans will be necessary.

Technical Violation.

The violation charged against the Coliseum is purely technical and it was no sooner made than the matter was investigated by Graeme Stewart, national committeeman from Illinois, and Senator Hanna, who was in town. Their investigation over, both expressed the opinion there is no safer building in the world Statements to this effect were made by Hanna and Stewart and, their publication authorized Stewart said

"I feel a great personal responsibility in the matter, and if the Coliseum is not a safe building for the convention, then there is no such building in the country."

Senator Hanna said "The convention will be held in Chicago as planned The Coliseum is one of the finest structures I have ever seen in its provisions for safeguarding life."

It is alleged by the building department the Coliseum violates the ordinance which requires that such buildings shall face on at least one street and two public alleys or open spaces. The Coliseum to the west fronts on Wabash avenue, while in the rear it opens on a public alley South of the building is what amounts to a private alley and it was here the building inspector discovered the technical violation of a section of the building ordinance. This alley is 70 feet wide and is covered, being supported at its southern extremity by a wall. In no other way does it differ from the ordinary alley and it runs through from Wabash avenue to a public alley on the east.

Twelve Exits.

The Coliseum proper is provided with twelve wide exits, the main one 25 feet across Three of these open to a private passage mentioned on the south of the building and any one of them is large enough to admit the egress of ten horses abreast.

Secretary Stewart Spalding of the Coliseum committee has arranged for an interview with Building Commissioner Williams for tomorrow.

Will Rescind Order.

"When the situation is explained to him," said Spalding, "he can do nothing less than rescind his order closing the place. We have done even more than the ordinance requires. It asks, for an alley ten feet in width and ours measures seventy feet. We have a private lot next to that if any more is required."

A SUDDEN DEATH

Mrs. A. H. Antrim After a Brief Illness Was Suddenly Called Away.

A. L. RUDD DIED AT HOSPITAL.

Was Young Stranger Who Submitted to Operation for Appendicitis.

Mrs. Martha DeCamp Antrim, wife of Alexander H. Antrim, died suddenly Wednesday morning at her home, 650 West Main street. The death was extremely suddenly Mrs Antrim had been slightly ill but it was not thought that her condition was at all serious and her death was unexpected.

Mrs. Antrim was born in Philadelphia and spent her girlhood in that city. She was 52 years old, and for fifteen years past she has resided in Decatur. She was a charitably inclined woman and was a devoted mother and had many warm friends in this city.

Besides her husband Mrs. Antrim is survived by three daughters. They are Mrs. L. W. Brand of Benton, Ill., Mrs Charles Forsyth of Kansas City, and Miss Jennie Antrim of Decatur.

Mrs. Forsyth arrived in Decatur early Wednesday morning. She came here to visit for a few days awaiting her husband who was to meet her here and the two expected to go east. Mrs. Forsyth simply happened to be in Decatur when her mother died

Mr Antrim has been seriously ill, but is now recovering.

The arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made and will not be announced until the arrival of Charles Forsyth and Mr. and Mrs. Brand.

DIED OF APPENDICITIS.

Young Mr. Rudd Passed Away At Hospital Wednesday.

A. L. Rudd, a young man who came to Decatur a week ago to take a position as salesman for the National Cash Register company, died Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at St. Mary's hospital. Appendicitis was the cause of death.

Mr Rudd had been working for the firm at Green Bay, Wis., and he came to Decatur to take a position under S E. Clark, the local representative. He had barely started on the work when he became ill. He was taken to the hospital Monday morning and on the afternoon of the same day he submitted to an operation It was feared from the first of his illness that he would not get well.

The young man's father, W A. Rudd, manager for the Postal Telegraph company, at Memphis, Tenn., was called to the city and was here when the death occurred.

Mr. Rudd is survived by his father and one brother, who is employed by the Western Union Telegraph company at West Superior.

The body was taken to Dawson's undertaking parlors and this morning will be taken to Menominee, Wis., the old home of the family, where the burial will take place.

FUNERALS.

Jacob I. Bear.

The funeral of the late Jacob I. Bear was held Wednesday afternoon from the residence of H. W. Waggoner on North Water street and the services were largely attended by friends and acquaintances of the decedent. Rev. W H. Penhallegon of the First Presbyterian church preached the funeral sermon. Music was furnished by a choir composed of Mrs. B. R Ghei, Miss Noy Montgomery, D. L. Bunn and A. Lindamood. There were many beautiful floral offerings.

Mr. Bear was a brother of Mrs. Waggoner and was a former resident of this city, having lived here during a long course of years. He went to Chicago about fifteen years ago and has since made his home in that city.

The pall bearers were O. B. Gorin, B. O. McReynolds, James Carter, John Armstrong, I. W. Ehrman and B. K. Hamsher.

Leonora Bryan.

The funeral of Leonora Bryan, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Bryan was held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the family residence on West Packard street. The services were conducted by Rev. J. W. McDonald and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

NINE PASSENGERS INJURED

Burlington Passenger Train Crashes Through Bridge At Rochford, South Dakota.

COACHES ROLL DOWN THE BANK

Deadwood, S. D, Jan. 6—A Burlington passenger train that left Deadwood this afternoon crashed through a bridge at Rochford Nine persons were injured. The locomotive and baggage car got safely over, but the chair car plunged into Little Rapid creek and the Pullman rolled down the bank.

The injured:
Paul C. Kleeman, of Custer.
Son of W. C. Lilley, of Lead.
W. H. Stebbins, Grand Rapids, Mich.
J. C. McLemore, Lead, S. D.
Rev. J. A. Sutoon, Deadwood.
Miss Eva Wilson, Hill, S. D.
Conductor Cotant.
L. V. Seals, Billings, Mont.
A. J. Harrison, Rapid City.

MOODY REDUCES ESTIMATE.

Cuts His Request for Naval Appropriation By Over $4,000,000.

Washington, Jan. 6—Secretary Moody with a view to asking congress only for such sums as are actually necessary for the needs of the service, has reduced the estimates for an increase in the navy for the coming fiscal year for the construction and machinery by $4,000,000. He has also eliminated the item of $400,000 for the equipment of vessels under the same heading. The appropriation for construction and machinery is a continuing one and the original estimates called for $23,000,000.

PARDON FOR ILLINOIS MAN

President Roosevelt Sets Robert F. Ashley of Danville Free.

Washington, Jan. 6—The president has pardoned Robert F. Ashley, now serving a two-year-term in the southern Illinois penitentiary for passing a counterfeit $10 bill.

Ashley lived in Danville, Ill., and was sentenced on June 3, 1902. The president granted the pardon because he believed that Ashley had been sufficiently punished.

The prisoner admitted that he passed the bill, which had been passed on him. He was intoxicated at the time, and, though he was told that the bill was counterfeit after he had been taken in, he passed it.

Speaker Cannon took an interest in the case, because it seemed to be one of those where the law is construed harshly to the man without friends.

POSTAL FRAUD IN SENATE

Carmack's Resolution Looking to An Investigation is Referred to Committee After Discussion.

DEMOCRATS ATTACK BRISTOW.

Washington Jan., 6—The alleged irregularities in the postoffice department constituted the only theme in the senate today. The questions came upon a motion made by Mr Lodge and afterwards Mr Penrose to refer the Carmack resolution looking to a senatorial investigation of the postoffice department to the committee on postoffices and post roads. The democratic senators resisted the motion and contended the country would not be satisfied with the investigation of a department made by the department itself The debate continued for almost two and a half hours and was extremely spirited from start to finish.

Mr. Carmack charged Postmaster General Payne had been luke-warm at the beginning of the department inquisition and Mr Spooner replied in defense of that official saying that he had asked for money for the investigation before the department began its work and when it was undertaken had given it every assistance.

Mr. Clay said the tenor of the Bristow report had convinced him that Bristow considered former First Assistant Postmaster General Heath more guilty than anyone else connected with postoffice irregularities. Before the debate closed Mr. Gorman stated he had had a conference with Penrose, chairman of the postoffice committee, and was willing to have the resolution referred. Further consideration of the subject was deferred until Friday.

THE HOUSE.

The only measure considered in the house today was a bill introduced by the delegate from Hawaii to ratify the act of Hawaiin legislature authorizing the manufacture and distrubution of electric light and power on the Island of Oahu, territory of Hawaii. Owing to objections made to the bill in the form presented it was recommitted to the committee on territories.

NO WAGE CUTTING

Executive Committee of Miners Tell Operators What May be Expected.

CONFERENCE MEETS JAN. 18.

Indianapolis, Jan. 6—The special meeting of the national executive board of United Mine Workers adjourned last night, after taking action, which, it was stated by a prominent member, indicates in a way what the operators may expect at the annual wage conference beginning here January 18

President Mitchell said. "The board adjourned after making preparations to resist the efforts to reduce the wages and arranging for a continuance of the strike in West Virginia, Colorado and Pennsylvania The board will instruct the men to resist a reduction in wages except by mutual agreement by which all our differences are adjusted."

Ten striking miners in Colorado, 1000 in West Virginia and about 5000 in Pennsylvania are immediately affected by the action of the board.

MAY WHEAT TAKES A JUMP

Advances Two and a Half Cents on War Rumors—Others Grains Follow Suit.

ARMOUR HEAD OF THE BULLS.

Chicago, Jan. 6—Great excitement and turmoil characterized the session of the board of trade this morning when May wheat advanced to 87½ to 88¾c from yesterday's close. The warlike situation in the far east, the decline in British consols and the advance in cables were the influences. Flour went up 10 to 15c. Armour led in the bull movement. In sympathy May corn advanced 1c to 47¼c; May oats 1c to 39¼c.

SUES FOR LIFE LOST IN FIRE

Miss Ivy Owens Asks $10,000 from Theater, City and Managers.

Chicago, Jan. 6—The first damage suit growing out of the Iroquois theater fire was filed yesterday by Miss Ivy Owens. The plaintiff asks $10,000 for the loss of her sister, Miss Amy Owens, a teacher in the Curtis school, who was killed at the same time with her mother, Mrs. Frances F. Owens. The defendants are the Iroquois Theater company, the city of Chicago and Managers Will J. Davis and Harry J. Powers. It is said a suit based on the mother's death will be filed in a few days.

CAR BARN BANDITS ON TRIAL

Day Spent in Trying to Secure a Jury Without Getting a Man.

INSANITY IS THE DEFENSE.

Chicago, Jan 6—The trial of three of the car barn bandits, Marx, Neidermeier and Van Dine was commenced today before Judge Kersten in the criminal court and after a day's effort to procure jurors adjourned without a man having been accepted.

It has been announced the defense will be insanity in each case, but attorneys for the defense today by questions put veniremen indicated some other line would be adopted.

FORTY-NINE HALLS

Ordered Closed at Chicago as Being Unsafe.

Chicago, Jan. 6—Today and tonight the authorities ordered the closing of 49 halls as unsafe.

AFTER THE CONVENTION

Chicago Sends a Delegation to Washington

Chicago, Jan. 6—A committee of Chicago business men and democratic politicians will leave Sunday for Washington to try to secure the democratic national convention for Chicago.

OVER THE HILLS

Mother and Four Little Children Taken to the Poor Farm for Keeping.

SAD TALE OF MISFORTUNE.

Mrs. Brown, Proud to the Last, Finally Gave Up Unequal Struggle.

Misfortunes following one upon another brought Mrs. Eva Brown and four little children to the court house Wednesday morning for help and the finish of their troubles was shelter in the county poor house. Mrs. Brown, accompanied by the four little ones she has tried to keep together, were all taken by Steward Kirkman Wednesday afternoon to the poor farm where at least for a time they will find a place to eat and sleep.

The sad story of the troubles of this family was told to the police Wednesday when the woman was taken in charge by the officers. The woman was formerly married to a man named Sinclair who was the father of the four children, ranging in age from three to nine years. Sinclair was killed in a railroad accident and then the woman married a man named Brown.

House Burned.

The family resided in a house on East Herkimer street. While all were attending church the house caught fire and was entirely destroyed and all of the furniture which was uninsured was lost.

This was only one of the many troubles which were still to follow Mrs Brown. After the loss of all of her household goods by the fire the husband, who is a moulder, the woman says, deserted the wife and children.

Hard Fight.

Then it was that Mrs. Brown found herself thrown upon the world with four children to care for and no money and none of the little ones old enough to make a living. Mrs. Brown felt that she should keep all of the children together and not let them be separated. With this idea in view she sought work in order to make money enough to keep herself and little ones from starvation. She first found employment in a laundry and finding that work too hard she secured work in one of the manufacturing establishments. It was a hard battle against the world and Mrs. Brown finding that all her time was occupied in making money she was unable to properly look after the children at home. She took the children to the Anna B. Milliken home and agreed to pay a certain amount each week for their support.

Board Not Paid.

Some money was paid on the children's board but it was difficult for Mrs. Brown to find food and shelter for herself and also pay the board due at the home and she got behind and was unable to settle what was due. Finally she decided to try to keep the children at home. She went to one of the officers of the institution and explained that she had relatives in Michigan and that an uncle would soon send her railroad transportation to take herself and children to their old home. She had written to him and he had promised to help them to get among their friends.

No Rent Money.

Mrs. Brown was allowed to take the children from the home although their board had not been paid. She then rented a house but did not have the money to pay the rent. She applied to the overseer of the poor and he assured Mrs. Brown that he could help her to the extent of giving her fuel and food but that he could not pay her house rent. With no place to receive the coal and groceries it was impossible to accept the offer. Mrs. Brown was compelled to give up the idea of again keeping house. Her health was such that she was scarcely able to work.

Officers Helped.

Tuesday night the poor woman, little knowing the ways of the world, came to the Brunswick hotel, intending to stay at that place for the night with her four children She had but seventy-five cents in her pocketbook, all the money she had in the world.

The officers provided a place for the woman and her children to sleep and Wednesday the overseer took the matter in hand. There was nothing to do with the family but send them to the poor house where they will be cared for until Mrs. Brown hears from her relatives.

Pride in Poverty.

The woman in all her struggles and privations showed great pride. She did not even want to tell the officers her name and seemed to feel bitterly the embarrassment of being compelled to call upon the authorities for assistance. Mrs. Brown is about thirty-five years old and is a woman of respectable appearance.

REMARRIAGE FOLLOWS FIRE

Chicago Couple Reunited As Result of the Disaster at the Iroquois Theater.

WEDDING FOLLOWS A FUNERAL.

Chicago, Jan. 6—Brought together by a tragedy of the Iroquois fire, William Pridmore of 5756 Kimbark avenue, and his divorced wife, Fannie Pridmore, were remarried Sunday by the Rev. Herman Page in the chapel of St. Paul's Episcopal church. On the preceding day Mr. Pridmore had followed the body of his sister, Edith, to the grave.

The death of his sister in the fire left Mr. Pridmore disconsolate in the mansion on Kimbark avenue. After the divorce of Mr. Pridmore last spring Edith Pridmore became mistress of her brother's household. In the time of trouble following the fire Mr. and Mrs. Pridmore were drawn together again. He was lonesome and disheartened. The spark of love was rekindled in the hearts of both and Mr. Pridmore again has a wife to comfort and sympathize with him.

The exact circumstances of their reconciliation and remarriage they will not tell.

"It is no one's affair but our own," is the most they will say.

Their friends in Hyde Park declare that the seed of reconciliation was planted some time ago. It grew and ripened at the coming of the great disaster in which hundreds of Chicago homes were saddened. There are few to criticise the wedding on the day following the funeral.

The Rev. Herman Page met Mr. and Mrs. Pridmore in the chapel of St. Paul's on Sunday. Only a few of the most intimate friends and relatives accompanied them. The marriage ritual of the church was performed, and they went back to the mansion on Kimbark avenue to live again as man and wife.

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Explains How Old Style Garments May Be Made Available -:- A Legal Trick Which Was a Boomerang -:- -:- -:- -:- -:- -:-

THERE is no excuse for a girl looking like a rumpled and tattered out edition of last year's styles or, worse still, of those of the year before last. A little common sense will do wonders with an old gown—a little common sense and a study of current fashion plates.

Take the case of a friend of mine. She needed to have a new gown in some way or other. The money necessary seemed a long way off; so she took a good look through her closet and discovered a gown at least five years old dating on the bias. "Well," she exclaimed, "at least I need not have that old thing hanging around any more. I'll take it down and give it to the maid."



"I'll take it down."

But as she took it down she noticed how full the skirt was and how strangely up to date, for it was box plaited from the waist down and fell quite fussily around the feet.

"It is a shame I can't have a waist to go with that skirt. It is quite good and clean as well, but as I haven't I suppose I must throw it away, for the waist which belongs to it is not fresh and is entirely out of fashion." And so it was. It had a bolero of the old rose material made very tight fitting and edged with soiled narrow ecru applique. There was an underblouse of soiled ecru lace, and the sleeves, very tight, with short shoulder seams, were long, with tiny puffs of lace. A more unpromising field for operations it would be hard to find. The only redeeming point lay in the wide belt of folded black panne.

The Way Out.

After a half hour's deep thought and some rummaging in a scrap bag this is how the objectionable bodice was transformed (I thought some of you would like to hear about it in order that you might treat some old waist in a similar fashion):

First, she took the belt and, ripping the upper half, pulled it out wider so that it covered the lower edge of the bolero, with its objectionable trimming. She pulled up the belt in the center of the back a trifle higher than anywhere else because that made the waist look smaller, and for the same reason she sewed two rows of three steel buttons so that they formed a V shaped figure in the center of the girdle. Next she ripped off the puffs, and that left a three-quarter or practically an elbow length sleeve, with the outside seam longer than the inside one. This sleeve she slashed up to the elbow and filled in with a full ruffle of ecru lace. It required a yard and a half for each sleeve. She took from one of her summer gowns a wide lace collar and put it over the rest of the waist, leaving it a tiny bit open in the front and joining it by a fancy knotted tie of black velvet. The gown is now one of the prettiest she has.

Useful Acquaintance.

It may sound politic and calculating and all that sort of thing, but I don't care. Say what you may, we have to be politic and calculating in this world. What I have in mind is that we should choose as our acquaintances those who can do us good.

I don't mean by that that we should always be working people—far from it—or that we should always be expecting material favors from our friends. When you come right down to it, I don't believe in leaning on one's friends, but you can at least go with people whose mentality is superior to yours instead of with those who are inferior, as is most always the case. The average woman does not stop to reason about her friends. She simply goes with those who please her best, and that means nearly always those who look up to her and think she is exactly right. Now, her mental superiors would not be likely to adopt this worshiping attitude, so she doesn't see them nearly as often as the others.

It is just as easy to attract big fish as little ones and twice as easy to get along with them. It is the little people who fuss and bother and keep one in a stew all the time, with their miserable, narrow, prejudiced little points of view. Heaven save me from the ordinary, commonplace young man or young woman!

Useless Friends.

I know of a woman who might have had a splendid career, but she weighted herself down with useless friends and dwarfed her splendid mind by associating with ordinary semistupidity. "Tell me whom you go with and I will tell you what you are" ought to read sometimes, "Tell me whom you go with and I will tell you what you will be."

And I know another woman who, indulging what she fondly believes to be kindness of heart, but what is really half of it a desire to be looked up to, trails at her heels an army of grafters, borrowers and people with incompetent schemes. The result is that she is victimized right and left. If some old crank wants to sell the product of a dubious coffee plantation he puts on her desk some fine morning a package of it for her to peddle among her friends. If young Schemes-in-the-air goes broke he immediately sails into the office of the easy one and borrows with hardly a by your leave. If a lot of helpless women need piloting from one section of the city to the other and they are too mean to buy themselves cabs and hansoms, they ring up the easy one, and it doesn't even cost them car fare that afternoon.



She rushed into her lawyer's office.

And meanwhile she might be talking with or gathering ideas from people worth while. She might be improving her own life, but she will tell you she can't. She hasn't the time.

That is very true. The day isn't more than twenty-four hours long, and it's like your stomach, begging your pardon for mentioning the same—if you fill it with trash there is not room for anything else.

Home Trimmed Hats.

The girl who cannot trim her hat these days must indeed be very silly. It is inexpensive, too, for never have hats required so little trimming as at present.

I have noticed that the hat which matches the dress is the hat that wins. You may have on a twenty-five dollar pale blue hat, and if it is worn with a red gown it would be far better to have instead a ninety cent black sailor. You know that as well as I do.

The beaver shapes in pale tints as well as in dark ones are a boon to the girl who must have many hats and shouldn't. If she chooses a French sailor shape with a becoming roll off the face a simple velvet bow laid across the crown will complete the trimming of the top of the hat, while a couple of roses with a spray of foliage will give color to the underbrim as they nestle close to the fluffy pompadour of the wearer.

By the way, while I am on the subject of beaver hats I want to remark that the latest thing is a pale violet

He called again and Jones was in.



beaver trimmed with violet leaves and tiny buds. It goes beautifully with the violet gowns and tailor mades which are all the rage just now.

A Legal Boomerang.

A friend of mine—Jones, for the sake of calling him something—a clever lawyer, was called upon recently to recover a commission for a woman broker. The lawyer on the other side, a very shrewd man, was equally determined that she should not recover it. While matters were pending she rushed into her lawyer's office one morning in a great state of excitement, saying that Mr. Brown—we will call him that for convenience—one of the members of the firm who owed her the commission, had called upon her and expressed it as his private opinion that the whole affair was a shame. He added that he wanted to see her win, for which reason he volunteered to be a witness.

Jones said nothing, but waited. In a day or two Brown called during Jones' absence. Still Jones waited and did not send for him. Finally he called again, and this time Jones was in. He said practically the same thing, offered himself as a witness, and Jones subpoenaed him.

On the day of the trial Jones, who, much to the surprise of the other side, had not depended entirely upon this valuable witness, called up all his witnesses before he even looked at Brown. The latter was growing more and more nervous until he finally was called as witness by the other side. They had to do that, for they could not wait any longer, and he proved to be their best witness. Jones did not call on him at all, and the opposing lawyer in summing up mentioned this fact sarcastically, as if it were a weak point in Jones' armor. That was sufficient. Jones opened up with dry humor and told the whole story exactly as it occurred, to the rage of the other side. "And if you ask me, gentlemen," he added suavely, "why I did not call upon that witness I will simply answer, 'Because I was not born yesterday.'"

The other lawyer and the false witness were white with rage. The judge was openly chuckling, and as for the jury—it came back after three minutes with a verdict for Jones' client.

Kate Clyde

New York.

APPLES WITH WHIPPED CREAM.

Pare, core and cut into quarters tart apples; put two cupfuls of water and half a cupful of sugar over the fire; when boiling add the apples and let cook until tender; then remove them to a glass dish. Let the syrup cook until reduced to about one cupful; pour this over the apples. When cold spread over the apples any fruit or lemon jelly and over this spread whipped cream sweetened.

A WOMAN'S BEAUTY SLEEP.

NO woman can be handsome or even healthy without abundance of sleep. The sweetest and most life renewing slumber is that which is dreamless. There is one marvelous exception to this rule. It is when at rare intervals experiences of perfect joy and happiness or visions of glorious loveliness come to one who is wrapped in deep slumber. But such experiences seldom occur in ordinary lives; only to those whose aspirations are for something else than mere animal luxuries and material things.

If such visions visit you be glad and thankful. They come when they list. Otherwise let us seek only the sweet, dreamless slumber of perfect health.

To secure the perfect sleep interior and exterior conditions must co-operate. First, know that the tranquil mind is necessary. There is much prating about self control. It is not self control, but mental self training, that one wants. To lose one's temper is a dead sure preparation for a restless night and dreams that savor of the infernal. When you know for certain the fact that every violent fit of anger sows the seeds of serious illness and premature senility you will readily perceive that there is in this life nothing worth getting angry about. This is true.

Preserve an even, cheerful mind, free from anger, envy, malice, despondency or anxiety. If there is nothing worth getting angry about, all the more is there nothing worth worrying about. You can help worrying. Don't talk to me, for I know exactly what I am saying, and I wish I could write in letters six feet long the sentence "You can help worrying."

And don't do tomorrow's work in your mind after you go to bed tonight. That, too, is warranted to destroy beauty.

Having got your mind in proper trim, next attend to your bed and bedroom. Have a bed to yourself if possible. That at least every respectable human being is entitled to. Have your bedroom and bed immaculately clean. Let there be no boxes, old shoes or lint and dust catching draperies or valances under and around your bed. Old Emperor William, who lived, robust and active, to the age of ninety-one, slept always upon a little iron camp bedstead. No bed curtains, lambrequins, drapings or ribbon bows for him; not one. The most healthful bedroom is that which has the least in it, is quite free from draperies of any kind. Even upholstered furniture is objectionable, affording as it does a nest for dust and microbes.

Do not let the coverings upon your bed be heavy. If possible have for cold weather a down quilt in addition to soft, warm blankets. You would not like to carry a heavy coverlet or comfortable around with you for eight hours of the day. Don't carry it at night. Feather pillows are heating to the head and make the hair fall out. Hair or chaff pillows are better if you must use pillows. Many persons noted for their fine, erect figures never sleep on pillows. If you have a washstand in your room don't let curtains and villainous drape stuffs be tacked around it. Tear them off. Let heaven's pure air circulate through everything in that blessed bedroom.

Have your water pitcher and the waste water jars in your room scalded and sunned. Keep the waste water jars carefully covered at night. I have heard a woman who thought she was a lady declare there is always a "smell of sleep" in bedrooms. If people keep themselves and their rooms clean and well aired there is nothing of the kind. A bedroom nicely kept is always as sweet as a rose.

Even in winter weather have your window open from the top at least a little. Never sleep in a room that the sunlight cannot stream into in generous floods. A warm bath followed by a quick cold water rub or spray is excellent for the skin and soothing to the nerves just before retiring. Once in bed, relax mind and body. Free and loosen the muscles of arms, legs, fingers, jaws, eyes and brows.

MARY GOULD LITTLE.

Contentment gives a crown where fortune has denied it.



A NOVEL CLOTH GOWN.

Delightful in its graceful lines is this royal blue cloth gown. The novel band trimming is of antique lace applied on Italian filet net. Below the lace yoke hangs a plaited bolero. The sleeves are plaited to a depth of seven or eight inches. A chinchilla muff is carried.



MRS. REED SMOOT.

A gentle faced, motherly looking woman is Mrs. Reed Smoot, wife of the Utah Mormon senator, the seating of whom meets such bitter opposition. Her maiden name was Alpha M. Eldredge, and she was married to Reed Smoot in 1881, Mr. Smoot being then twenty-two years old. The couple have six children. Mrs. Smoot was born, bred and married in Salt Lake City. She declares she has "the best husband in the world, the dearest children and the loveliest home." She also says that Provo, the town in which she lives, is to her "the most beautiful place in the world." When she speaks of her husband she calls him "the senator" with emphasis. She also declares she has no interest "in such things as women's movements."

Widows of Famous American Generals

THE history of an army officer's wife is that of her husband. More than any other woman's life, hers must perforce be merged into his. Tent life and camp life are hers, likewise march and countermarch. She looks after the ways of her household and is kept busy moving, packing and unpacking. Famous American generals' wives of recent times have notably lived so quietly that now, when several of them are widows, comparatively few persons know where or how the years of their retirement are passed. Some widows of civil war generals were many years younger than their husbands, so did fate to live yet long.

Several of these estimable ladies were left by the death of their husbands with young families on their hands, and these naturally occupied all their attention. When an American officer of high rank dies leaving a son yet a minor the youth's mother is rather apt to get her boy appointed to the Military academy at West Point, to follow his father's profession. Little Manley Lawton, only thirteen years old when his father, General Lawton, was killed in the Philippines, Dec. 19, 1899, was already a captain in the volunteer army there, having received a commission from General Fred Grant, himself the son of a great American general.

It was the hope and ambition of that brave feminine soldier in civil life and army circles, Mrs. John A. Logan, that her son, John A. junior, should follow his father in the United States army. John A. junior was indeed a born soldier and entered West Point, but after two years of the course was obliged to leave on account of ill health. Nevertheless when war with Spain was declared handsome, dashing John A. Logan, Jr., entered into it for fight, first in Cuba, then in the Philippines, where he, a major, was shot dead leading his men in a charge at San Jacinto. Across sea and continent his body was brought home wrapped in the American flag to his mother at Washington.

Philip Sheridan, Jr., is now a cadet at West Point. The son of Mrs. George B. McClellan did not go to West Point, but he has distinguished himself so greatly in civil life that the lack of the military education seems matter for congratulation rather than otherwise. George Brinton McClellan, Jr., to his credit be it recorded, went to work early for his living, first as a plain newspaper reporter, then at other things. While he earned his living he studied law and next went to congress. How he was elected mayor of New York city while yet a member of congress all Americans know. His mother meantime just kept quiet and was proud of him, as she had been of his illustrious father, General George B. of the civil war.

The widow of General McClellan is still a notably handsome woman, her serene face looking not at all like that of one who lived through the stirring scenes of the civil war, which closed thirty-eight years ago. She resides most of the time in a family hotel in New York city. Before her marriage she was Miss Ellen Mary Marcy. Her distinguished husband died in 1885. During the civil war when she was not in camp with him she wrote a letter to him every day. She is a woman of high bred manner, at the same time noted for a rarely gentle disposition.

Of widows of famous northern generals there are living four—Mrs. John A. Logan, Mrs. McClellan, Mrs. Philip Sheridan and Mrs. Henry W. Lawton. All these generals began their upward careers in the civil war except John A. Logan, who served in the Mexican war, then came back and married Mary Cunningham, his present widow, when she was only sixteen years old. To the list might be added the widow of President James A. Garfield, who always regretted that he resigned from the army to become a congressman soon after he had attained the rank of brigadier general. If he had stayed in the army he would no doubt have become a major general, and a distinguished one, for his military career so far as he had made it was a brilliant one. Still he would not in that case have been president.



DRESS OF CREPE DE CHINE.

A dainty creation is this crepe de chine dress, whose skirt is pin tucked three times down its length and banded with a black and white chenille trimming. The bodice is charmingly carried out in lace and chenille. An opera cloak of ermine lined with white satin accompanies the crape dress.

Mrs. Garfield lives in the greatest quiet at her home in Mentor, O. She is well to do. The American Union is a grateful nation. To the widows of its ex-presidents and of its great generals it gives by act of congress an income of $5,000 a year. The late Mrs. Julia Dent Grant enjoyed this income, as do the widows herein mentioned.

When General Philip Sheridan died he left a young and lovely wife and four little children, three girls and a boy. Two of the daughters were twins. All three are now young ladies prominent in society. The American people had given the little cavalry general a house in Washington. There his widow lived until recently, when she sold it. Mrs. Sheridan is the daughter of an army officer, General Daniel H. Rucker, retired, who still lives in Washington. She is a very beautiful woman, fitted in every way to shine in society, though she cares little for it. In the summer she goes to her country home at Nonquit, Mass.

Yet undoffed are the widow's robes of Mary Craig Lawton, wife of Henry W. Lawton, one of the most gallant, most daring soldier spirits that ever saw the light of the sun first in this land of peace. In the Philippines he was the idol alike of the army and of the civilians. It was the hope of the business men in Manila that he would be the next military governor of the Philippines. Then all would be well, they thought. His wife and children were in Manila, and his wife, like himself, was well beloved.



Mrs. Henry W. Lawton.

But no! Instead a Filipino bullet, a funeral train that dragged its length over 11,000 miles, from Manila to Arlington, a widow wildly grieving, with four little ones clinging, crying, to her, and no place for them at the end of the tragic journey back to the States except a little home in California mortgaged so heavily there was no hope that the widow could save it. No hope there would have been but that again the great, generous American people stepped in and took care of the wife and children of their hero. They raised a fund of nearly $100,000 almost immediately and turned it over to Mrs. Lawton, placing her and her children above want. Maybe after the widow's robes become less somber Mary Craig Lawton's sad face will brighten too. Let us hope it may be so.

Then, again—first, last and always, the indomitable and redoubtable Mrs. John A. Logan. They did say that she, Mary S., had more hand in the making of General John A. Logan politically than he had himself. He was a soldier, and a brilliant one; she was and is a politician, one of the shrewdest and strongest. If she had been a man or the laws of her country permitted women to vote and be voted for and this were considered quite the correct, conventional thing, it dazzles the imagination to think where Mary S. Logan would have been. She lives at Calumet place, Washington, and her social circle is a distinguished one.

The widow of the Confederate General Thomas J. Jackson, the famous Stonewall Jackson of the civil war, is yet living, greatly loved and revered. A reception was given to her some time ago in New Orleans, at which were present Confederate veterans and Confederate veterans' descendants from all over the south. She spends her summers at Lexington, Va., where her husband's grave is.

Mrs. Jackson was Mary Anna Morrison, the second wife of her husband. She was a North Carolina girl. President McKinley did a graceful act in appointing her postmistress of the little town where her family lived in her youth. Mrs. Jackson had two daughters. One died in childhood; the other, Julia, lived to womanhood. She married a Mr. Christian and was the mother of two children; then she, too, passed away. These two children of Mrs. Christian are thus the only living descendants of Stonewall Jackson.

ELIZABETH LEE.

DO NOT JUMP OUT OF BED.

Do not jump up as soon as your eyes are open. Remember that while you sleep the vital organs are at rest. The vitality is lowered and the circulation not so strong. A sudden spring out of bed is a shock to these organs, especially to the heart, as it starts to pump the blood suddenly.

Take your time in getting up. Yawn and stretch. Wake up slowly. Give the vital organs a chance to resume gradually.

Notice how a baby wakes up. It stretches its arms and legs, rubs its eyes and yawns and wakes up slowly. Watch a kitten wake up. First it stretches out one leg, then another, rubs its face, rolls over and stretches the whole body. The birds do not wake up and fly as soon as their eyes are open; they shake out their wings and stretch their legs, waking up slowly. This is the natural way to wake up. Do not jump up suddenly; do not be in such a hurry, but stretch and yawn and stretch again. Stretch the arms and the legs; stretch the whole body. A good yawn and stretch will get you thoroughly awake, and then you will enjoy the bath all the more.

HOW CUT FLOWERS ARE DOCTORED.

"There are a great many dodges that the public never dream of in connection with the enormous sale of buttonholes and bouquets. For instance, we often give a perfume by artificial means to the flowers we sell," said one who till recently was in the florist business.

"The greater number of doctored flowers are either those which are fading and 'off color' or those which usually have no scent at all. In the case of the former the flowers are daily dipped in a weak solution of sal ammoniac, which for a time revives them in the most marvelous way.

"But the chief doctoring is with the flowers which as a rule have little or no scent. First of all, these are put into a metal box with ice, and then by a very simple process they are subjected to a continuous current of carbonic acid charged with perfumes of the required variety. There is an immense amount of profit made by scenting those violets which in the order of nature have no perfume."

SHAVING THE BRIDEGROOM.

The shaving of the bridegroom on his wedding day is a Bulgarian custom which, handed down from pre-Christian days, is still observed with due formality, especially in country districts.

While the barber is at his task a dancing crowd of young folk surrounds him and the bridegroom. As the latter's hair is cut the snippings are carefully collected by some of the girls for preservation in one of the bride's chests.

The barber, when his work is done, receives a small white linen cloth as a present and also a trifling sum of money from each person there.

Then the bridegroom kisses the hands of all the girls, washes his face and dons his wedding dress, which must first be carefully weighed three times by one of the boys.

PEELING APPLES.

When apples must have the cores removed without being divided it is advisable to do it before the peel is removed, as they are then less liable to break. If boiling water is poured over apples before peeling it will loosen the skin and cause it to slip off easily, save the labor of peeling and prevent much waste.

THE KAISER'S ONLY DAUGHTER.

Princess Victoria Louise, the only daughter of the German kaiser, rules her father as nobody else in the world is able to—in fact, this imperial and imperious little lady is quite her father's own daughter. She is not only like him in disposition, but in appearance as well, being blond and blue eyed—a regular typical German girl.

The princess is a great favorite with her brothers and loves to romp and have fun like other children. She has a dog to which she is devoted, and it is



PRINCESS VICTORIA LOUISE.

her delight to teach him all sorts of tricks. When in the country Victoria Louise mingles with the peasant children and is often seen tying them up in bags, ready to play an amusing game peculiar to German children.

This little princess, who passed her eleventh birthday last September, is already quite a little hausfrau. Two hours every afternoon are spent in a kitchen specially fitted up for her use in the palace. Besides the "three R's" and the cooking venture, this practical young lady is a good seamstress and an accomplished musician for one of her years.

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THE MARKETS

FINLEY BARRELL LETTER.

By Tyler, Harney & Co., 114 East William St., Both 'Phones 352.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—WHEAT—It has still been a war wheat market, but this and other markets have shown the effect of the big selling of Wednesday. The market early sold off from 88c to 87½c; and then recovered the whole loss almost instantly on a cable reporting the rumor current in Liverpool that hostilities had begun. Consols were 7-16 lower at the close, the best and about the only substantial evidence of the seriousness of the situation Everything else was a matter of rumor. Local wheat holders were inclined to get out. The market had support at times under 88c for May Cables were only ¼d up. Receipts were large. The flour news was stronger, shipping orders coming better. The dry weather in the southwest is still unbroken The seaboard reported 15 loads for export. Closing was weak on an attempt by Armour to sell Pit traders very bearish.

CORN—The corn market has felt the liquidation by local holders; and it has developed that the best prices today were the opening ones. The May sold from 48c down to 47c, but as in wheat and oats there was a rally toward the close which regained almost all the early loss. Receipts were 217 cars with no contract, estimate for Friday 215 cars. Cash corn was steady to ½c lower. The Price Current said corn movement increasing slightly Cables were up ½d to ¾d, much less than the advance here Wednesday The feature of the trading was profit-taking by local longs who did not care to risk the war scare and lose their profits

OATS—There has been about the same experience in oats as in corn, a good deal of local profit-taking by local longs who were timid that peace might lose them their profits But toward the close some warlike bulletins from Liverpool and buying by Pringle and others turned the market up to the high prices of the day. The May touched 39½c. The receipts were only 82 cars, estimate 95 cars. Cash oats were ½c higher. The western offerings keep small. There is a fair shipping demand for car lots.

Range of Options.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	88@87⅞	88¼	87¼	87⅞@⅞
July	83¼@82⅞	83¼@½	82⅝@⅞	82⅝@⅝
Sept.	80¾@¼	81	80¼	80¼
CORN—				
May	48@47⅞	48	47@½	47½@½
July	47⅞@¼	47¼	46½	46⅝
Sept.	46½	46½	46¼	46¼
OATS—				
May	39⅝@½	39⅞	39¼	39½@⅝
July	36½	36⅜	36	36¼@½
Sept.	...	...	...	32¾
PORK—				
Jan	$12.10	13.10	13 00	13.00
May	$13.45	13.67	13.27	13.32
LARD—				
May	$ 7.07	7.12	7 00	7.00
RIBS—				
May	$ 6.80	6.85	6.67	6.70

Chicago Markets.

Chicago, Jan 7—Wheat—No. 2 red, 91; No. 3 red, 89 to 90; No. 2 hard, 80 to 82; No. 3 hard, 76 to 70, January 83. May opened 87½ at 88; highest, 88¼, lowest, 87¼, closing, 87½ to 87⅝.

Corn—No. 2 and No. 2 white and No. 3, 43 to 43¼, oN. 2 yellow 46 to 46½, No. 3 yellow 45½ to 46; January 43⅛ to 43¼ May opened 47⅜ to 48, highest, 48, lowest 47 to 47⅛; closing 47⅛ to 47½

Oats—No. 2, 36; No. 3, 35½; No. 2 white 39 to 39½; No. 3 white 37½ to 38¼, No. 4 white 35¼ to 37; standard 38 to 39; January 36⅜. May opened 39½ to 39¾, highest 39⅝; lowest 39½, closing 39¼ to 39⅝.

Receipts and Shipments.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour	24,000	30,000
Wheat	26,000	56,000
Corn	161,000	200,000
Oats	92,000	139,000

Wheat at Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Jan. 7—Wheat—May 87⅜; July 86⅝, Sept. 79¼, on track No. 1 hard 87⅜; No. 1 northern 86⅜, No. 2 northern 84⅜.

Grain at Liverpool.

Liverpool, Jan. 7—Wheat—Wheat spot firm, No 2 red western winter 6s 2½d.

Corn—Spot firm, American mixed new 4s 3d, American mixed old 4s 6d.

New York Markets.

New York, Jan. 7—Wheat—Receipts 10,000. Spot irregular, No. 2 red $1, elevator, No 2 red 95 f. o b. and afloat. Options closed ¾ net lower. May 90½.

Corn—Receipts 33,000 Spot easy, No 2 nominal elevator and 52½ f. o. b. and afloat, No 2 yellow 57½; ungraded mixed 53. Options closed ½ net lower. May 53½.

Oats—Receipts 37,000. Spot dull, No. 2, 43, standard white 44, No. 2 white 44½, track white 43 to 46

Grain at Peoria.

Peoria, Jan. 7—Corn—Steady, new, No. 3, 40½.

St. Louis Markets.

St. Louis, Jan. 7—Wheat—Cash nominal, May 84½

Corn—Cash 44. May 45⅛.

Oats—Cash 38, May 39½

Poultry and Produce.

Chicago, Jan. 7—Butter—Easier, creameries 16 to 25; dairies 14 to 21.

Eggs—Firm, 26 to 28.

Poultry—Firm, turkeys 12 to 13, chickens 11 to 11½, springs 11 to 11½

New York, Jan. 7—Poultry—Alive, firm; chickens 11, fowls 12½, turkeys 13, dressed firm, chickens 13 to 13½, fowls 12½, turkeys 15 to 17

Butter—Firm, extra creamery 24; common to choice 15 to 23½.

Eggs—Strongs, firsts 37, seconds 33 to 35

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Jan. 7—Cattle—Receipts 10,000, market slow, good to prime $5 10 to $5 65, poor to medium $3 75 to $5; stockers $2.25 to $4.25 cows $1 70 to $4 30

Hogs—Receipts 40,000 Market 5 to 10 higher. Mixed butchers $4.65 to $5, good to choice heavy $4.95 to $5.10, rough heavy $4.65 to $4 90; light $4 50 to $4 75, bulk of sales $4.70 to $4 90

Sheep—Receipts 15,000. Market steady, $3 25 to $4 50, lambs $4 to $6.25.

Live Stock at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Jan. 7—Cattle—Receipts 5000. Market steady Beef steers $3 80 to $5 35; stockers and feeders $2.30 to $3 05; cows and heifers $3 25 to $4, Texas steers $2 to $4 40.

Hogs—Receipts 11,000. Market strong, 5c higher. Range $4.34 to $4.95.

DECATUR MARKETS.

POUTRY MARKET.
Live Weight Prices.

Hens	7½c
Springs	8 c
Turkeys (old)	10 c
Turkeys, young	12½ to 13½
Ducks	8½c
Geese	7c

GRAIN.

Corn, old	.32
Corn, new	.32
Wheat	.80 to
Oats	30, to .32
Rye	.50

BUTCHER STOCK.

Hogs per 100 lbs	$4.00	to	$4.25
Calves	4 00	to	4.50
Shipping cattle	4.25	to	4.75
Cows	2 00	to	3.00
Heifers	3.00	to	3 25
Butcher steers	3.50	to	4 00
Sheep	2.50	to	3.00
Lambs	3.00	to	4 25

Paid By Grocers.

Butter, tub	$ .25
Butter creamery	.28
Butter, country	.22 to .25
Eggs	.25
Lard	.12½

FEED.
WHOLESALE PRICES.

Timothy hay, per ton	$11.00 to $12.00
Oats straw per ton	4.00 to 5.00

(Retail Prices)

Oats	.45
Corn	.55

Hay.

Timothy, per cwt	.55 to .75
Straw, per bale	.30

FRUITS.
Wholesale Prices.

Oranges, per box	$3.50
Bananas, per lb	.03
Lemons	4.00
Cabbage per crate	$3.00
Apples, per bbl	3.00
Dried onions, per bu	1 00
Sweet potatoes, per bbl	2.75
Spanish onions, per crate	$1.25
Celery, per doz.	.25
Cranberries, per barrel	$9.00

NEARBY TOWNS

MAROA.

The Farmers' Mercantile association, a corporation has sold a part of its stock to M. R. Allsup. The company was incorporated about twelve years ago, and was composed of about one hundred stock holders, mostly farmers, residing in this vicinity. In a few years the stock, all got into the hands of a few persons. The business consists of lumber and coal, and the agricultural implement trade. The business was prosperous from the first, and the trade grew, until the stock of the association was worth more than 400 per cent. About eight years ago the association bought out the Huff Bros. Lumber company, since which time they have practically controlled the lumber and coal trade. It finally became known to the public that both the lumber and coal yards were controlled by the same parties, and a year ago an effort was made by a majority of the stock holders to close out the business, and surrender the charter. This movement failed to command the support of the necessary two-thirds of the stock holders, in amount of stock, and was not consummated. It being apparent to the stock holders that some change in the management was demanded, the directors sold out the stock of merchandise on hand at the original stand, or home office. The stock will be invoiced, next week, after which Mr. Allsup will take possession. He has purchased the grounds and buildings of the plant from J. H. Parker. He has employed W. G. Irwin, who has been manager of the branch purchased by the Farmers' Mercantile association, from the Huff Bros. Lumber Company for several years, as foreman. The Farmers' Mercantile association will continue business at the office known as the Maroa Lumber company's office.

School was resumed in all the grades on last Monday morning. The lower grades had been closed for about a month on account of smallpox.

Rude Long has purchased the residence property of H. M. Funk, consideration $1750.

A revival meeting began at the Methodist church last Sunday evening. The meetings are being conducted by the pastor, Dr. Royal W. Ennis

The small pox has subsided The last ones who had it, have been released from quarantine regulations

T. A. Nichols of Kansas City, Missouri, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Percy T. Carnes.

J. B. Norris, Ryland B. Shaw, and Samuel Kramer went to Bay City, Texas last Tuesday.

Mrs. Will Hutchinson of Kenney was in Maroa on Wednesday.

The Texas Land and Rice Company who own a ranch of 5000 acres of land and a canal in Matagorda county, Texas, has decided to divide the land among the stockholders, according to the amount of stock owned by each individual stock holder. Several of the stockholders of the company reside in Maroa.

Miss Nellie Crossman of Warrensburg is visiting friends in Maroa.

Mrs. Barcley, widow of the late David Barclay, sr., died last Monday in Clinton. She and her husband resided near Maroa for several years and were well known to most of our citizens.

J P. Parker went to Moweaqua last Monday on business.

Maroa Lodge No. 454 A. F. and A. M. installed the newly elected officers on Tuesday evening last.

Andrew Barrowman who has resided, one of William Hanna's farms, southeast of Maroa, has sold his stock and farming implements to Jacob Kohr and will move to Maroa. He will give possession, about February 1.

A. J. Lutz purchased from parties at Pekin, sufficient ice to fill all his ice houses, including the new one recently erected by him.

Ed Dinwiddie of Chicago visited old friends in Maroa last week.

William Hanna of Bloomington, transacted business in Maroa on Thursday.

Samuel Lehn and family moved into their property on the Bloomington road last Monday.

J. M. Biddle will represent Maroa township on the grand jury and Ed. Hendrix, will represent it on the petit jury at the January term of the circuit court.

The Maroa republicans are already talking politics. They are all for Warner for governor. Many of them would like to see Owen Scott a candidate for congress, before the republican congressional convention. In county politics the people, republicans and democrats, think that John Allen is one of the best circuit clerks in the state, and and ought not to have any opposition, either in the convention or at the polls. As to states attorney, Mr. Redmon has a good many supporters and Frank Roby also has some strong friends among the republicans. Nothing has as yet been said as to the candidates for state senator and member of the house of representatives.

David Frank of the Maroa Manufacturing company is visiting his brother at Greenville, Ill., this week.

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CLINTON.

The funeral services of Mrs. Jane Eaton, whose death occurred Tuesday morning while she was visiting her neice in Lincoln, were held from the home of L. S. and Grant Eaton this morning at 10 o'clock Rev. T. A Canady of the M. E. church officiated. Mrs Eaton's maiden name was Reavis and she was born in Missouri in 1843. At the age of twenty one she was married to Sheldon S. Eaton and to them five children were born, all living. They are. Mrs. Lizzie Hammond of Los Angeles, Cal., Mrs. Kate Wills and Mrs. Lulu Wills of Nebraska and L. S. and Grant of this city. Mrs. Eaton had been enjoying good health and was sick but a few hours.

The members of the Rocking chair club very pleasantly entertained their husbands at the home of Mrs. John Warner, sr., Wednesday evening. The membership of the club numbers fifteen.

Dr D. B. Felton has ben notified of the death of his grandfather, who died at his home in Ohio at the age of 99 years.

John W. Swisher and Miss Joanna Ring, the former of Swisher and the latter of Clinton, were married at 4:30 Tuesday at the Presbyterian parsonage by Rev. S. C. Black. They will reside on the farm of the groom.

At the meeting of the Warner club Tuesday evening a committee was appointed to secure railroad and hotel rates and a room at the Leland hotel in Springfield during the republican love feast to be held January 27th.

The Rennick opera house has been closed by the order of the city officials until better fire precautions are made. All theatrical contracts have been canceled and it is stated that no improvements will be made until next spring.

Z N. Evans, who has conducted a photograph gallery here for a number of years has sold his studio to W. S. Lowe of Marshall, Texas, who will take charge February 1st. Mr. and Mrs. Evans will go to Los Angeles, Cal., with the intention of making their future home in that state.

The place made vacant in our schools by the resignation of Miss Helen Bryden, has been filled by Miss Sarah Thomas of Wisconsin who comes among us with the best of recommendations.

Miss Genevieve McHugh has returned from a visit with her sister, Grace, who is a clerk in a bank of Chicago and other relatives.

Chas Sloat and wife have moved to St Louis.

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BEARSDALE.

Bearsdale Camp 1597 M. W. A. held election at their last meeting and elected the following officers for the term of 1904. Wm Bear, V. C.; P. C. Purdy, W. A., A. J. Conover, Clerk; J. P. Campbell, banker, L. Bratton, escort, F. W. Kaylor, manager; J. Boggess, watchman, Wm Doyle, sentry.

Rev. Richmond's meetings are continued through the week.

W H Palmer and family visited H. G. Park Sunday.

Albert Fox delivered corn at Bearsdale Monday.

J. O. Lehman and sister Della, returned to school Saturday.

R. M Park visited G. W. Kaylor Tuesday.

ROWELL.

Miss Carrie Owens returned Saturday from a visit in Decatur.

W. H. Stoutenborough of Moroa was here Monday

W. H. Randall returned Monday from a visit with relatives in Edgar county.

Miss Blanche Spicer of Clinton visited here last week with relatives and friends. She will return to Lebanon, Tenn., Jan. 8 to resume her studies.

Miss Lillian and Louise Danzeisen of Decatur and Misses Edith and Edna Schenck of Maroa spent New Years day at the home of Uriah James.

Marshall Huff and G. T. Covault were business callers here from Maroa Wednesday.

Verven Braden returned to Waynesville Sunday evening to resume school duties after a week's vacation.

Mrs. W. B. Hutchinson visited in Maroa a few days this week.

Several from here attended the New Year's dance in Kenney.

Frank Randall left Sunday for Chicago where he is attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Cox were Maroa visitors Wednesday.

Misses Blanche Spicer and Maude and Lydia Miller spent New Years in Decatur.

Uriah James transacted business in Clinton Wednesday.

The Stoutenborough and Africa schools began again Monday after a week's vacation. Miss Kathleen Roach of the Stoutenborough spent the holidays in Decatur and Miss Hallie Shue of the Africa visited in Clinton.

Miss Edna James returned to Decatur the first of the week to resume her studies at the J. M. U.

Mrs. M E. Huff of Maroa spent Wednesday the guest of Mrs. W. H. Randall.

Frank Wikle went to Harristown last week to attend the funeral of his sister.

The Rowell Ice Company has finished putting up ice.

Enoch McKay moved to the Stout farm southwest of Maroa last week.

Mrs. W. J. Miller is quite sick.

The Rowell Elevator company is doing a rushing business at present. Scarcity of cars is giving much trouble.

August Gneckow moved into W. E. Schoby's house the first of the week and will work for Mr. Schoby this year.

FORSYTH.

Carl Butler spent his vacation with his sister in Kansas.

Edna Benton visited a few days last week with her aunt in Macon.

Mrs. Bell Myers is visiting her parents.

Herman Bassler visited last week with friends in Forsyth.

Maud Benton spent a few days last week with Esther McKinley.

Minnie Erwin returned home Tuesday after visiting several weeks in Kansas.

Bea Campbell and Joyce Kohler spent Friday with Loue Reeser.

Mary Stewart gave a dinner Saturday for Maud Benton.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Haskell, Dec. 27, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenton returned home from Bement after visiting several weeks with their daughter.

Mr. Benton returned home from Dakota Friday.

Mrs. Don Fickes is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gonterman.

Mr and Mrs. Guy Hays are visiting Mrs. U. T. Hays.

The Odd Fellows celebrated their 22nd anniversary Monday evening. Music was furnished by the band and all enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

Ollie Vest and wife returned home from visiting relatives in Indiana.

Frank Brown is going to leave for Chicago in a few days.

The Grain dealer is doing a swell business here the last few days.

George Melhorn is talking of moving to California in the spring.

MOWEAQUA.

Prof. C. E. Snyder returned to Chicago yesterday after spending the holidays with relatives here.

Ray Kautz returned to Lehigh university at South Bethlehem, Pa. and C S. Rodman and Abner McGinley to Champaign Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Snyder entertained quite a number of their friends at dinner Tuesday night. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hoslam, Mr. and Mrs. H F. Day, Mr and Mrs. S. M. Adams, Mrs. C A. Buck, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Stevenson and Mrs. Aydelott.

One of our rural mail carriers Mr John Skiff reports that he has ordered an automobile to use in delivering mail and if satisfactory will use it instead of his regular outfit.

Mrs. Kreiter who is cooking at the Commercial Hotel was quite badly burned Monday morning by her apron catching fire while at work near the stove. Mr. and Mrs. Howard were also burned in extinguishing the fire but not seriously.

Mrs. Jesse C. Adams is seriously ill from blood poisoning caused by an operation for an ingrowing toe nail at Pana last week.

Miss Dora Krautz who has been in the Call-Mail office for some time resigned her position yesterday. Miss Maud Daugherty takes her place.

NO CHEAP EGGS

New York Has Now Bid 2 Cents More Than April Prices Last Year.

COMPETITION WILL BE KEEN

For the Number of Speculators Will be Increased.

The season now drawing to a close was one of the most profitable that the men who speculate in storage eggs ever knew and already the indications are that the coming season will see more egg speculators in the market than ever before The season was immensely profitable in spite of the fact that many old timers declined to venture because the price of eggs at packing time was so high that they feared that they could never come out whole. In looking ahead to the coming season Max Atlas said "The indications are that there will be no cheap eggs next spring On the New York produce exchange within the last week 17½ cents has been bid for a car load of April eggs and the bid was not accepted. That bid was from 1½ to 2½ cents higher than the prices paid for eggs last April. That bid means eggs will be from 14 to 15 cents here next April at the time when the best eggs go into storage. In spite of the fact that the price bid was high no one would accept it. The egg men are afraid that the prices will be very high next spring. You see the last season was very unprofitable. Many of the men who had packed eggs for years did not venture because the prices were so high. Now they are getting ready to be in the field next season. It is practically certain that the men who were in last season and made a handsome thing will make another trial the coming season. If that is true there will be more packers in the market next April and that of course means sharper competition for the early and best stock and sharper competition means higher prices There is really no telling what they will have to pay for eggs next spring but all of the indications are that they will be high priced.'

The indication is a pleasant one for the farmers for they are certain to get the benefit of the competition that is likely. The cost of getting the eggs will have been increased so little, if any, that it is not likely that it can be demonstrated.

If the high prices that are anticipated rule, chickens will be high priced again next year. The high priced eggs will put them on the market instead of putting them under the setting hens. That will shorten the crop of springs and the short supply will mean high prices and again the farmer will profit.

The supply of storage eggs will soon be exhausted but the dealers say that there are now signs of prices breaking and they are wholesaling at 29 cents. The moderation in the temperature is almost immediately felt in the egg market and just a few days often makes a big difference in the price. Each day the dealers expect to hear that the eggs from the southern states are moving to the eastern markets and that means that the end of high prices for storage eggs has come The consumers at least, will not offer objections if that is true.

Clinton, Jan. 7—The meeting of the Warner club last evening was largely attended, and several new members were enrolled. There were a number of enthusiastic speeches and music by a male quartet. It was decided to send a representative to the republican love feast at Springfield January 27.

THE JANUARY

Term of the Circuit Court Will Open On Monday With a Rather Light Docket.

THE NEW BAR DOCKET IS OUT.

Circuit Clerk Allen Furnishes People With Information.

Circuit court will convene again today and the case of Ehlers vs. Howard will be taken up for trial. There will probably be some other business and court may be adjourned for the term this evening or it may be necessary to hold over until tomorrow.

January Term.

The January term will begin Monday. Circuit Clerk Allen has issued his bar docket for the next term. The docket is rather light this term, there not being as many cases as usual. The bar docket contains the usual list of court officers, supervisors and other information. There is an account of the number of different kinds of cases filed during the past year which figures have already been published.

The docket also contains pictures of John A. Brown and J. J. Finn, former masters-in-chancery, and W. H. Black, the present master. There is also a memorial of the late Attorney Edwin Park, one of the oldest attorneys at the bar who died recently.

Justices.

Mr. Allen has also prepared a list of the authorized justices of the peace in the different townships in the county. The following is the list of justices who are commissioned to transact business in the county as shown in the bar docket

Blue Mound Township—W. C. Austin, W. F. Elder, Boody.

Hickory Point—D. A. Good, Bearsdale.

Friends Creek—J. W. Six, F. L. Bray, Argenta.

Illini—John Williams, C. S. Bullard, Warrensburg.

Long Creek—C. H. Baker, Casner; J. W. Jones, Long Creek.

Maroa—C. C. Crandall, James F. Mettler, Maroa.

Milam—W. A. Arnold, Macon.

Mt. Zion—D. F. Dickey, Mt. Zion.

Niantic—J P. Faris, G. D. Kitch, Niantic.

Oakley—R C. Hawkins, Sangamon.

Pleasant View—G. W. Hudden, Blue Mound.

South Macon—Albion Daggett, Macon.

South Wheatland—W. W. Knippie, Elwin, H. B. S. Dill, Decatur.

Whitmore—S. B. Stewart, Oreana; Robert Huston, Argenta.

Decatur—James O'Mara, P. B. Provost, John H. McCoy, S. T. Keeler.

Grand Jury.

The following are the names of the grand jurors who will serve at the January term of court.

Austin—John Johnston.

Blue Mound—J. E. Chapman.

Decatur—J. Dempster, Sam Thrift, Josephus Vest, Frank E. Martin, Frank Fahrnkopf, Albert Bird, William H. Hale.

Friends Creek—W. H. Smith.

Harristown—Frank Crum.

Hickory Point—J. A. Kohler.

Illini—F. A. Slonaker.

Long Creek—J. C. Myers.

Maroa—J. M. Biddle.

Milam—Oscar Bromley.

Mt. Zion—Theodore F. Pierce.

Niantic—Alva Beck,

Oakley—B. Harner.

Pleasant View—B. C. Bradley.

South Macon—John Schudel.

South Wheatland—George W. Shively.

Whitmore—S. B. Stewart.

The jury will be empaneled at 1:30 p. m. Monday.

CHARGE OF WIFE DESERTION

Plaintiff Says Husband Gave Her $15.85 During Three Years of Married Life.

JURY RETURNS SEALED VERDICT

The trial of Louis Barringer in the county court Thursday was quite a heated one. The man was charged with wife and child desertion. Assistant State's Attorney J. J. Hogan prosecuted and M. C. Griffin defended.

The wife claimed that in three years the husband had given her only $15.85. She has a baby about two years old. She said that when she was first married the man took her to his mother's house to live and that she left the place because they told her to go. She then found shelter in her own mother's house

It was claimed by the defendant that the wife left him of her own accord and that he was therefore not responsible for her care.

The jury heard the evidence and retired about 4.30 p. m. At 6 o'clock the jury was not ready to return a verdict so Judge Smith left instructions for a sealed verdict to be returned should one be found before morning.

PRICE WAS IN DECATUR

Tower Hill Bank Robber Arrested In St. Louis Identified By a Photograph.

SEEN HERE BY SEVERAL PEOPLE

The photograph of Thomas Price, the bank robber arrested at St. Louis, has been positively identified as the picture of the man who was seen to pass through Decatur the day after the Tower Hill bank robbery and who at the time was suspected of being the robber that entered the bank.

The day after the Tower Hill robbery a horse and buggy belonging at Tower Hill and containing burglar tools was found in Decatur and a man was seen carrying a big bundle which was supposed to be plunder.

Mrs. Tobe Ward, Mrs. Eddick who conducts a store on West Main street, Clyde Day and Will Tuttle, all saw this man and they have each seen the photograph of Price and say that it is a picture of the man seen in Decatur the day after the Tower Hill robbery.

Price, the man arrested, has a bad reputation. He has a criminal record and his picture was in the rogues' gallery at St. Louis. He has served a term in the penitentiary for robbing a bank and it is thought that there is but little doubt of his being the one who robbed the Tower Hill bank.

The Decatur officers can do nothing about the arrest but it is likely that the authorities will endeavor to get Price to Tower Hill and have him indicted.

It is not always easy to forgive other people's enemies.

"INCURABLE" HEART DISEASE SOON CURED

During the last two or three years very great improvement has been made in the treatment of diseases of the Heart. Cases formerly considered incurable now rapidly yield to new remedies. The well known specialist in treating heart diseases, Franklin Miles, M. D., LL. B., of Chicago, will send $3.75 worth of his new special treatment free to any of our afflicted readers.

This liberal offer is for the purpose of demonstrating the unusual curative powers of his new treatment for heart troubles, such as short breath, pain in the side, oppression in the chest, irregular pulse, palpitation, smothering spells, puffing of the ankles or dropsy.

They are the result of twenty-five years of careful study, extensive research, and remarkable, experience in treating diseases of the heart, stomach and nerves, which often complicate each case

The treatments are prepared expressly for each patient, as the result is much more certain and satisfactory.

Few physicians have such confidence in their remedies. And there is no reason why all afflicted persons should not avail themselves of this liberal offer, No death comes more suddenly than that from heart disease. Thousands died unnecessarily each year, because most physicians do not understand these cases.

Mrs. Frank Smith, of Chicago, was cured of heart dropsy, after five leading physicians had given her up. Mr. Julius Keister of Chicago, was cured after failure of ten able physicians.

A thousand references to, and testimonials from bishops, clergymen, bankers, farmers and their wives will be sent free on request. These include many who have been cured after from five to twenty or more physicians and professors had pronounced them "incurable." Among them are H. A. Groce, 504 Mountain St., Elgin, Ill.; Mrs. Sophie Snowberg, No. 282 21st avenue, S. Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. A. P. Colburn, Blessing, Ia.,; Mrs. M. B. Morelan, Rogers, O., the presidents of two medical colleges, etc.

Send at once for free personal treatment, book and question blank, before it is too late. Address Franklin Miles, M D. 505-515 Main st., Elkhart, Ind.

Mention Decatur Herald in your reply.

Deeds Recorded.

K Heckler to Regina Bertsch, lot 21 in block 2 of Gulick's addition to Decatur, $1.

Regina Bertsch to Anton Heckler, lot 21 in block 2 of Gault's addition to Decatur; $1.

A quit claim deed to the northeast quarter of the north half of the southeast quarter of section 33, township 15, range 2 east, was filed by Caroline M. Powers in favor of C. M. Powers. The deed was filed in compliance with the specifications of the will of the late Samuel Powers.

FARMERS COLUMN

THE HEIRS of David Poulthwick will learn something greatly to their interest by writing to Hugh L. Dickson, Kingman, Mohave county, Arizona.—29-w1t

DANTOWN WHISKY—Direct from a registered distillery, sold direct to consumers. You thus avoid adulteration and middlemen's profits. I sell direct to consumers from one gallon up at $2.60 per gallon. Special attention given to mail orders. I distill my own whisky; it is therefore direct from distiller to consumer; it is made of pure artesian water and selected rye, barley and corn. Sold by the manufacturer of the old Dantown whisky, made in Macon county, Ill. V. D. Rose, 139 W. Main st., Decatur, Ill.—Oct27-w2mo

FOR SALE—500 steer calves and 200 yearlings. J. G. Imboden.—Sept.8wtf.

BETTER THAN GOING WEST—Snap for 20 days in Illinois black land, 1301 acres in Kankakee county, near Hopkins, all first class black land, well fenced and ditched, large buildings, county, Ind., 52 miles from Chicago $65 per acre. Also a tract in Newton on the Monon railway. Plenty improvements, thoroughly tiled and fine land, only $55 per acre. W. A. Hinkle, Decatur, Ill.—8-wtf

FOR SALE—Barred Rocks. Am better prepared to please my patrons this year than ever. Mrs. W. Broughton, R. R. 6, Decatur, Ill. Telephone Mt. Zion.—29-sw7t

YOU CAN BORROW ANY AMOUNT.

$10	We loan money on	
$15		
$20	Furniture,	Carriages,
$25		
$30	Pianos,	Warehouse Receipts,
$40	Horses,	Goods in storage,
$45		
$50	Cattle,	Watches,
$60	Wagons,	Diamonds,
$75	Buggies,	Grain in the crib,
$80	Growing crops,	individual notes,
$85	Any amount, any time, any pay-	
$100	ments, and security, no publicity.	
$150	Also buy notes.	
	Easy terms.	
$200	All loans renewed or extended	
$250	when due, if desired.	
$300	Oldest loan office in Decatur.	
$400	A. T. Summers & Son, 110 North	
$500	Water street.	
	Next to the Millikin Bank.	

—11-w1m

WANTED—Everybody to buy a meal ticket at S. T Myers' restaurant. Meals 15c, 7 meals $1, 21 meals $3. Three cent lunch counter. 143 North Main street.—3-sw2t

DOLLAR CABINETS made fifteen years ago, are reported "still all right." We make Dollar Cabinets and premiums go with them. Other styles too. Sunday hours 1 to 4. East End Gallery, 1079 E. Eldorado.—7-sw-2t

FOR SALE—3 registered Dow Rock Jersey boars; also prepared to dehorn cattle. D. A. Blalock, Decatur, R. R. No. 6, telephone, Mt. Zion.—7-w2t

STATE OF ILLINOIS, County of Sangamon, ss. I hereby certify that at a special meeting of the stockholders of the Central Illinois Construction Company held on December 15th, A. D. 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m., and all the stockholders being present and waiving notice required by law, the following resolution was adopted, all the votes represented by the whole stock of said corporation voting therefor:

Resolved, That the location of the principal office of the Central Illinois Construction Company, now situated in Decatur in the County of Macon, State of Illinois, be changed to the City of Springfield in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois.

[Seal] W. H. OWENS, Secretary.

Wed28-w3t

SPECIALS FOR
The Next Ten Days
AT THE
Arcade Department Store

Prices on the following articles cut to less than cost:

Extra Special 59c For Friday and Saturday we will sell all our $1.50, $2.00 and $2.50 Muffs for **59c**

$3.50 Men's $7.00 Beaver Overcoats, perfectly made.

$5.98 Men's $10 and $12 Suits and Overcoats.

$3.98 Men's Heavy Ulsters, worth $8 00

29c Men's Fleece Lined Underwear, worth 50c.

SPECIAL.

With every purchase of $1.00 or more we will sell ten rolls of 8c Cotton Batting for **25c**

79c Ladies' Fleece Lined Wrappers, worth $1.25.

$1.48 The Brown Shoe Co.'s Echo Shoe that has always sold for $2.25.

98c Men's fine Satin Calf Shoes worth $1.75.

$1.98 Men's snag-proof rolled edge Felt Boots, worth $2.75.

98c Boys' and Girls' heavy School Shoes worth $1 35.

NOTICE.

During this sale we will sell all $2.50 and $3.00 Shoes for Men and Women for **$1.98**

98c Ladies' Heavy Walking Skirts, worth $2.00.

79c Ladies' Petticoats, worth $1.25.

59c Up for Children's Dresses worth $1.00 and up.

98c Heavy 11-4 Blankets worth $1.50.

79c Lace Curtains, slightly soiled by displaying, worth $1.50 a pair.

98c Ladies' fancy mercerized Petticoats, worth $1.50.

Make our Store your Headquarters while you attend the Poultry Show and Farmer's Institute next week.

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